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THE SHIRLEY NEWS

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10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNED MAY 28th 1988

THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION BEGAN 10 YEARS AGO! We have been in contact with litterly thousands of people and have built a great interest in the Shirley family, not only here in the USA but in other parts of the world. We have a great group of people and we would like to invite those of you who can to come to Anderson, South Carolina and help us celebrate this occasion. I have reserved the Braden's Restaurant special event room. We will have door prizes and surprises and look forward to seeing you. Both members and non-members are invited. Reservations preferred and needed before May 25th as I depart to S.C. If later, please call the restaurant at (803) 226-1284...Eric Black or Dave Kiese.
We are making plans for special music etc. I hope you will come and help us celebrate this occasion. It's not 900 years, I know!HA!

For overnight accomodations the following hotels and motels are located in Anderson or nearby:

Best Western 3430 N. Main Anderson
800-528-1234

Holiday Inn 3025 N. Main Anderson
800-465-4329

Days Inn Hiway # I-85 & SC #187
800-325-2525

Ramada Inn US Hiway #76 Clemson, SC
803-654-7501

The price range is in the $40 range.

The menu is Prime Rib, price including tax and gratuties, $15 per person.

Hope to see you here! TIME: 6:00PM

REPORT ON THE TRIP TO HONEA PATH

The weather was good! The turnout was good! And Shirley Faye Hill and myself enjoyed meeting all the nice people that attended the March 6th meeting at the First Baptist Church of Honea Path.

About 85 people attended this meeting. My thanks to you who came. Some came several hours journey to be there.

I enjoyed meeting Tom Langston, one of the people who has donated this property for our Shirley Museum. He was abit younger than I envisioned. The attorney was much taller than I thought he would be...you always have certain images of people you haven't met. Jim Austin, the other gentleman who is involved in this property donation was unable to be there as he left for a trip to Australia, etc. I will look forward to meeting him on the next trip.

Our hostess, Lydie Thomas, took ill a couple of days before we came and Caroline Scott, sister of our member Sue Henderson, found us another home to stay while we were there.

Our new host and hostess were Dot and Julian Ricketts. Julian is a Shirley descendanton the John and Elizabeth Barmore Shirley line. They were the parents of William b. 1774 and he the father of John Warren Shirley born Oct 5, 1811 and he was the father of Amaziah Marion Shirley b. Nov 18, 1856 Abbeville who was the father of Ellen Genevieve born 1899 who married W.H. Ricketts.

On another page find a story about this family and their home. They were terrific host and hostess! Thanks! Also very involved in our project now.

Regional News

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Owen L. Riley Jr./Independent-Mail

Cousins Betty Shirley, left, and Shirley Faye Hill stand in front of the 19th-century family home near Honea Path that they are planning to restore. The two-story log house, dressed over with gray clapboard, was built by Obediah Shirley.

UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE OBEDIAH SHIRLEY HOUSE

The Obediah Shirley House Foundation, Inc. has been issued its certificate of incorporation by the State of South Carolina, and the petition for tax-exemption status is now pending.

Shirley Faye Hill, the Foundations secretary-treasurer, would like for you to know that the Foundation has adopted by-laws which insure that all funds received "bemade available for the discharge of its purpose and the operation of the Foundation and its programs". Complete records are being kept in compliance with the IRS regulations, and an annual audit will be conducted.

Because of the tax exempt status needed, I chose to form a Foundation separate from the Shirley Association. You may wonder how the Shirley Association will continue to be involved in this project since I have set it up as a separate organization. As long as I remain the Foundations President, I will consider the two groups as the same. The Foundation was merely a formality to meet the requirements by the donors of this property who wanted a tax write-off.

If you have any other questions about this please contact me...Betty Shirley 10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, Ca. 95014.

SHIRLEY SPECIALTIES
A Cookbook

An amazing, tantalizing collection of
Special and Rare Recipes from Shirley Descendents

Sassafras Tea

WASSAIL

LEATHER BRITCHES BEANS

Mawma Doss's Pecan Pie

Nanny's Tipsey Pudding

Hoppin' John

Southern Gumbo

Buche De Noel (Christmas Log)

Caribou Hot Pot

Imagine.....

249 recipes compiled from Shirleys living in Alaska, Georgia, New Hampshire, Toronto, Canada, Isfield, England, Rhode Island, Nevada, New Jersey-
and many other areas.

Imagine.....

The fun of sharing these fascinating foods with your family - and with others as gift books at Christmas and birthdays.

Believe.....

That every dollar earned by the sale of these cookbooks will go to the restoration and maintenance of the Obediah Shirley House in Honea Path, S. C.

Order now at a reduced rate for the first edition and feast on 249 flavorful dishes from your Shirley Heritage.

PRICE: $7.95 plus $1.50 for handling

Nick's Hot Sauce

Beruch (Polish-German)

Coco-cola Cake

Wildman Potatoes

Irish Barm Brack

Shirley's World Famous Plum Pudding

Hoe Cake

Potato Candy

Syllabub

The above layout done by Shirley Faye Hill. We certainly have some unique sounding recipes. A terrific collection with recipes not found in your average cookbook!

It will be greatly apreciated if you will order one cookbook for yourself and some for gift giving. How about letting other family members know about this cookbook? They may want you to order some for them when you order yours! The purchases of these cookbooks will help us with much needed funds for the Obediah Shirley project. Please send your check to Shirley Association, 10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, Ca. 95014. Thank You!

JOIN US FOR WORK WEEK!

We would like to invite you to join us in Honea Path, SC. for work week of May 28th thru June 3rd. If you can't be there for the entire week, for what period you can lend us a hand. If you are traveling thru this area, stop in and see what we are doing. I can assure you we will be hard at work!

The lovely people of Honea Path have organized and will be supplying food for the WORKERS and the First Baptist Church has opened the old Shirley Hotel for accomodations for the workers. We are most grateful for their exceptance of our presence in their community.

Take a step back in time with Dot

The Ricketts' home was built in 1905.

Entering the fenced gate surrounding Julian and Dot Ricketts' Victorian home in Honea Path, S.C. is like taking a step back in time.

You could easily believe that you had been transported back to the turn of the century if there weren't small clues of modern times scattered throughout the house and yard. After all, no homes were equipped with a microwave oven when the house was built in 1905, and children had three-wheelers then, but not constructed out of plastic.

An Anderson retired Service Foreman, Julian, and his wife Dot began restoring his grandparents homeplace in the winter of 1986. Because no one had lived in the house for over 15 years, the place was in a state of disrepair.

Although Julian is sure to point out the places that still need his patient attention, he and Dot moved into their "new" home in the summer of 1986, after starting the restoration process the previous winter.

The home is a showplace, by any means. A graceful arch over the front gate welcomes you into the yard and the comfortable wooden chairs and loveseat from days gone by beckon you to come on up and sit a spell.

Restored close to the original design

"I tried to restore the house as close as I could to the original design," said Julian, referring to the beaded board walls in most of the rooms and the 12-foot ceilings throughout the house. "There were some things that I wasn't sure were original, such as the iron fence across the front yard. But I know it's been there as long as I can remember, which is over 60 years."

Because it had been empty for so long, the flooring had to be replaced. Julian, who is quite the handyman, did most of the work, such as installing a duct system. He and his nephew re-wired the house and Julian had the whole house insulated. Like any well-respected gas company employee, Julian and Dot chose to use all natural gas appliances, including the water heater, range, furnace and clothes dryer.

But something about this house and its furnishings really stands out. It's full of family history and a life in the past. Most of the furniture, except for Julian's favorite resting place—his beloved recliner—are antiques which were passed down through their families. There's a gentleman's dresser, complete with a long vertical mirror and countless drawers and compartments to hold everything imaginable. An oak sideboard with a giant oak-rimmed mirror with tiny bric-a-brac shelves holds an assortment of carnival glass and other treasures of the past. A corner cupboard that originally belonged to Julian's great grandmother has found a nesting place in the corner of the parlor, next to the ornate mantle which holds the pocketwatches of Julian, his father and his grandfather.

Creative energy through the house

There's also a creative energy about the house. The quilting rack used by Julian's grandmother, holds a bold red, blue and white quilt that she made. The entire structure serves as a headboard for a bed and a whiskey barrel is used as the nightstand. A Kennesaw Biscuit crate houses a collection of magazines and the ice tongs Julian used to deliver ice when he was a very young man hold the paper towels in the kitchen.

"We just like making something out of nothing," said Dot, who, with her husband, shares a love of things from the past. "We go to the "jockey lot" (a flea market) on most Wednesdays and go to a lot of flea market-type places. We pick things up here and there for a couple of dollars," she said, pointing out the valuable carnival glass punch bowl she bought for 50 cents and the oak chest they purchased for five dollars.

"Julian refinished most of the furniture and it looks so nice," said Dot. "We never knew just how talented he was 'til he got started."

Julian retired in 1984

Julian retired from Piedmont in March of 1984 after 35½ years in the gas business. He was an employee of Anderson Gas and Utility before Piedmont bought it in 1959.

"I remember when there were only 500-600 gas customers in Anderson. That was in the days of manufactured gas when sediments in the line turned to tar and would clog up the line. I got calls at all times of the day.

nd Julian Ricketts

As an employee of Anderson Gas and Utility, my name was listed under the company's in the phone book. And I had the distinction of being the first name listed, so I was often the one called.

"I guess you could say that I didn't have set hours since I sometimes worked into the night and on weekends. Sunday mornings always seemed to be a favorite time for the gas lines to clog," he said as he chuckled.

"Somedays I miss not working at the gas company. There were an awful lot of nice people there and I enjoyed my work. But it's also nice to be able to do things when I want to and not follow a set schedule."

Dot and Julian point out the 1925 date crotcheted into a coverlet made by his grandmother.

Hopes to have a mini-museum

Julian's interest in things of the past extends beyond the boundaries of his home. In an old barn out back, Julian has a collection of old gas refrigerators, washer/dryer combinations and assorted heaters.

"One of these days I'm going to make some sort of area to display these things—sort of a mini-museum," said Julian. "People need to remember these things, because there are none being produced today. It's just interesting to me to know about how things used to be done."

Aside from refinishing furniture on the front porch and in the backyard workshop, Julian and Dot spend a couple of nights a week square-dancing. Julian is also a member of the choir at their church, Honea Path Presbyterian.

And they've always got a good story or riddle to tell to entertain themselves and those who drop by for a visit.

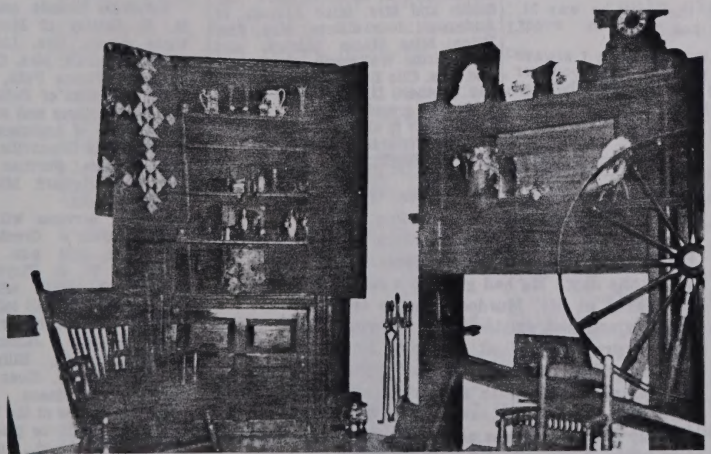
Love for visitors to come by

Like most families, they love for their children, Robert and Mary Jane, and their four grandchildren to visit. A favorite Sunday afternoon event is a grand meal prepared by Dot and enjoyed by the children, grandchildren and any of Dot and Julian's extensive collection of family and friends.

"We're so proud of our children," said Dot. "Robert is the Assistant Athletic Director in Finance at Clemson University and Mary Jane is a music teacher at the local middle school. But we'd be proud of them if they dug ditches, as long as they're honest."

Dot and Julian seem to have found the secret to a happy and healthy life. They enjoy an occasional lazy afternoon, but they're often on the go.

"We stay busy so we don't get old," said Dot. "Going around with young people keeps us young, too," she said, referring to their recent trip to the Citrus Bowl with several other couples. "We just enjoy life. That's where people fall short, they just don't take time anymore. Being a good neighbor, loving somebody and just taking time out for others. That's what counts in life. And we sure enjoy it." □



The corner cabinet belonged to Julian's great grandmother. The pocketwatches of Julian, his father and grandfather are displayed on the mantle.

VOTES 75TH YEAR—Joe Shirley Sr., of Townville, 95, casts his ballot in Tuesday's primary—75th year he's exercised his electoral privilege. He voted first in 1880, hasn't missed an election since. (Independent photo).

ECALLS HAMPTON ERA

Townville's Joe Shirley, 95, Believes In Casting Ballot

TOWNVILLE, June 23 — Like a lot of other voters, Joe Shirley, Sr., of Townville went to the polls Tuesday, cast his ballot, then stayed to talk awhile with other voters.

UNLIKE OTHERS, though, Mr. Shirley was casting a ballot for at least the 75th time — having voted in every county and state since he first became old enough in 1880.

Now 95 Mr. Shirley recalled some of the campaigns of the past — for benefit of youngsters of 60 or so who couldn't remember them.

Most heated campaign, he recalled, occurred a few years before he was old enough to vote. That was the one in which Wade Hampton and his Red Shirts defeated the carpetbag governor D. H. Chamberlain.

"We had our own ways of getting out the vote in those days," he chuckled as he recalled riding about the countryside with Hampton's Red Shirts, rousting voters out of their homes and encouraging them to go to the polls and vote out the "Yankee carpetbaggers."

A NATIVE OF the Shirley's Store section of Anderson County, he moved to the Townville area about 1870, has lived there ever since, except for "about 20 years in Georgia."

Since 1880, the year he was 21, Mr. Shirley has voted in every election.

"Voting's one privilege I always exercise," he told the younger men around the Townville box, as he cast his ballot.

Newspaper clipping
Dot and Julian Ricketts.

Annie Shirley

Resolutions passed by the Westminster League of the Presbyterian church of Honea Path.

On the morning of June 21st, 1911, Annie Shirley passed from her home in Honea Path to her eternal home in Heaven. When Heaven gained a new soul the Westminster League lost one of its charter members and one of its most faithful co-workers.

We tender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family, commending them to the care and never failing love of Him in whom she trusted.

Not now but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And then, sometime, we'll understand.

Thomasine Brock,
Jeanette Clatworthy,
Frances Shirley,
Committee.

Shirley Funeral

MARTIN, Ga., June 13 —Funeral services for Robert Lee Shirley, 74, who died at his home here last night following an extended illness, will be held from the Martin Baptist Church Thursday at 11 a. m. The Rev. Robert Dowd will conduct the rites, and burial will be in the Martin cemetery.

Pallbearers: Herbert Whitworth, Paul Price, Jack Burroughs, D. L. Shirley, Jr., Henry L. Whitworth and Felton Price.

A native of Lavonia, Mr. Shirley spent all of his life in Franklin and Stephens Counties. He was a son of the late Henry R. and Rhoda Thomas Shirley, a member of the Martin Baptist Church, and the Masonic Lodge at Townville, S. C.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Maggie Farmer Shirley, he is survived by six daughters, including Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. Mike Altman, of Anderson; four sisters, Mrs. Ann Price, Miss Macie Shirley, and Mrs. Birdie Whitworth, of Lavonia and Mrs. Clio Burroughs of Atlanta one brother, D. L. Shirley of Atlanta; 12 grandchildren.

The body is at the residence with Weldon Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. John Shirley, son of Mr. Will Shirley died last Saturday morning at the home of Mr. Johnnie Murdock in Martin township, after an illnes of only one day. He had gone to a corn shucking at Mr. Murdock's home on Friday and took suddenly ill. He was given prompt medical attention but never rallied. Mr. Shirley had been ill for some time with a heart affection and this was the cause of his untimely death. He was about 20 years of age and was popular with all who knew him. The interment was at Mt. Bethel church on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Koratine Shirley

HONEA PATH — Miss Koratine Shirley, 79, lifelong resident of Honea Path, died in Anderson Memorial Hospital about 5:40 a.m. Monday following a brief illness.

Miss Shirley was a native of Anderson County. She was a daughter of the late James N. and Sula Tribble Shirley, and was a member of Barker's Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, H. B. Shirley of Honea Path; three sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Jones of Ware Shoals, Mrs. O. E. Gassaway of Honea Path, and Mrs. J. A. Robinson of Belton; and five half-brothers and sisters: Dr. Jim Shirley of Anderson, Thomas A. Shirley of Greenville, Sloan B. Shirley, Mrs. Furman Mitchell, and Mrs. Howard Mitchell, all of Honea Path.

Funeral services will be held from Barker's Creek Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Rev. W. H. Floyd and the Rev. E. B. Bagby will conduct the rites. Burial will follow in the Barker's Creek cemetery.

Pallbearers: James Shirley, James Branyon, Billy [illegible]y Charles Mitchell, Sloan Mi[illegible]ll, and Cowan Robinson.

The body, now at the Pruitt Funeral Home, will be placed in the church at 1:30 p.m., an hour before the services.

KENTUCKY SHIRLEYS

Ann Mary Cockrill was the daughter of Judge Benjamin F. Cockrill and Amanda SHIRLEY of Glasco, Kentucky. He was a Circuit Court Judge and traveled on horseback from one town to another for many years before finally settling down to practice law in his later years in the Glasco area.

Ann Mary Cockrill's Mother, Amanda Shirley Cockrill died when Ann Mary was a little girl. So, Ann Mary lived with her sister, Cora Cockrill Dillion, until she was 13 years old. When she was about 13 her sister, Cora, passed away.

Ann Mary's father placed her in a boarding school for girls, and when she was ready for advanced education, he placed her at Normal College at Bowlingreen, Kentucky. It was while she was obtaining her education that she met, and subsequently married Professor William Thomas Beams. He was aproximately 11½ years older than her.

They were married on March 17, 1885 at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Ann Mary's brother, Eugen Cockrill, and his family lived in Jeffersonville. After their marriage, she and her husband visited there with the family for several weeks.

My Mother was only 16 years old when she married. They had to travel from Green County, Kentucky to Jeffersonville Indiana to get the license. Attended by Minnie Calvin, Papa's niece, riding to Upton, Kentucky, then by train to Louisville, Kentucky. They crossed the Ohio River on a ferry boat to Indiana.

Mama's wedding dress (and her attendants dress) was made of wine colored satin, handmade by a dressmaker. Her coat, hat, gloves and shoes were black. Their traveling suits were of brown alpaca.

I do not know anything of my grandfather's (Benjamin Cockrill) relatives. He died when I was a little girl.

My maternal grandmother was Amanda Shirley.

My maternal great grandmother was Harriett Logan. She married a Mr. Shirley. Harriett was a sister to William G. Logan. He owned vast acres of land in Texas, some of which was never claimed by the heirs. Much of this land was taken up by squatters years ago and now has yeilded oil. William G. Logan married a lady named Miss. Bell, of Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

info from Shirley Brooke, grandaughter of Mary Ruth Beams Camp who wrote this for her before she died.

From your editor... the lineage for above!

Thomas Shirley b. Mar 21, 1761 who was married to Mollie Yates were the parents of William A. Shirley b. May 29, 1792 Spotsylvania Co. Va. and he married Harriet H. Logan. They lived in Barren Co. Kentucky.
Children...

1. Amanda Jane b. Sept 28, 1822 married B.F. Cockrill Apr 1, 1845
2. Mary Anderson b. 1824 m. W.B. Morris
3. William T. b. 1826
4. James Albert b. 1829
5. Sally b. 1832 m. W.S. Jourdon
6. Nancy P. b. 1834 m. HC Mitchell
7. Christopher T. b. 1837 m. Cornelia Garney

WALTER SHIRLEY LINE

Henry, Grant Co. West Virginia Sept 4, 1912

To B.F. Shirley, Esq.
Tetart, W. VA.

My dear Sir - Your esteemed favor and very interesting letter of the first received and will say in reply I have it that your grandfathers name was Jarvis Shirley and your grandmothers name Mary Riley, the only sister of Richard Riley who died in child birth when your father was born (Ephram). You say in your letter that your grandfathers name was Samuel Shirley and your great grandfathers name was Walter Shirley. Who could Jarvis have been?

I am glad you giving me so much valuable assistance as it would be impossible for me to do this alone. I am also very glad to get the photographs and if you have any old photographs sned them to me and I will have others taken off and return the old pictures to you. If you have any old family relicts you wish to preserve send them to me and I will keep them for the family. Very often we have an old piece of furniture that we would throw away or give away which if very well preserved could be kept as a family relict. Old dishes, pipes, buttons, guns, knife, pictures, clothing or

anything worth keeping. Brother Jesse has an old sword said to be Richard Rileys fathers and some claim he was in the Revolutionary War and carried this sword. I have and old hymn book of Richard Rileys. I will wait to hear from you again. Your letters are very good. Enclosed please find a stamp for reply. Thank you for the pictures you are sending. Give dates when ever possible also places.

Very Sincerely,

R. M. Riley, MD

sent by Paul and Janice Shirley

Picture sent by Gladys Luck...

On the back of this picture it says taken in the spring of 1901/2 and has the name of Mike Scott and Love, Crett, Paudine Love, Bretton and Gene Shirley and some other names Gladys could not read well. Picture was taken in Barren or Metcalf Co. Kentucky. CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY THIS PICTURE AND THOSE IN IT?

From your editor....I have checked the area and the clues in my files would suggest the following group of Shirleys...

In the 1880 census of Metcalf Co. Ky we find Elijah Shirley b. ca. 1803 Ky. He was the son of Thomas And Hannah Dale Shirley. Thomas was the son of Thomas and Mollie Grubb Shirley. Elijah Shirley shows a son William J. b. ca. 1838 Ky. who has a son Eugene in the census. This would be the only person who has a name of Gene at this time that I can see.

Gladys, the interesting thing is that William J. is the brother of your ancestor, Robert. That is probably why you have the picture. You just didn't know who was in the picture and how it relates to your family.

The other interesting thing is... William H. Shirley b. ca. 1848 Ky. son of George b. ca. 1815 who was a son of Col. John Warfield Shirley has a brother in law living in his home in Metcalf Co. in 1880 census... named Edward LOVE. This has to be a large gathering of the Shirley and related families in Metcalf Co. Ky.

Anyone else have any input as to this picture???

Taken in 1901 or 1902 Barren or Metcalf Co. Kentucky

SOME NEWS FROM YOUR EDITOR FROM HERE AND THERE....

Last week, I entertained our England researcher for a few days. We had some lengthy chats and had a great time talking about Shirleys.

He brought me a newspaper from England the day he left and on the front page was reference to Earl Ferrers. He has returned to the bench in the Upper Chamber in the House of Parliment. The 13th Earl was asked to return as deputy leader of the Lords, and become a Home Office Minister, to boost the front bench on the retirement of Lord Whitelaw.

[for those newer members...The Earl is a Shirley].

Upon my return home from Honea Path on Monday eve. March 7th, I had no idea of what was about to transpire the following day. Tuesday morning, I sat around the kitchen and was taking my time at getting started on the daily chores. About 9:30 AM the phone rang and my oldest daughter was very emotional saying that her husband had just been in another auto accident and he was being rushed to Stanford Hospital. She was concerned about the kids in school and etc..I assured her to rush on to the hospital and we would see about the kids.

Later, my husband and I rushed over to the hospital to find that Greg was in brain surgery and we had a very serious situation here. We waited for hours and the word was not good. He lasted for two days and died. He leaves three children and I spent quite abit of time with them from the time of the accident until after the funeral. Greg was 31 years old. You who have been thru this know what we are going thru. Realization is not there even yet. You know it in your head, but it is something you just learn to live with over a period of time.

Recently...I spoke to Ethel Updike. She wrote a book in 1969 about alot of people including the Shirleys of South Carolina area. She is blind and 2 of her sisters live with her. She had not heard about the England Celebration, nor did she know about the Obediah project. She seemed please to to learn about it. I let her know her work has been of great help to me when I was starting this 10 years ago!

That's about it for now...

HELP NEEDED!

Any information concerning Elijah Wiley or Wiley Elijah Shirley b. ca. 1820 Tenn who died in Ark. 1911 would be apreciated! He was my great great grandfather. Thank you!

Ray Montgomery
410 South 1st Ave.
Danville, Ia. 52623

SHIRLEY CEMETARY

Located on Thomas G. Shirley property on the right bank of Long Savannah Creek 1000 feet east of Ooltewah-Snow Hill Road. This cemetery contains 80 graves, several monuments, and the appearance of it is fair. Present access is by private road from County Road to within 300 feet of cemetery, which will be unimpaired by the inundation of the lake area.

#1-3 Unknown
#4 J.B. Shirley 1845 to 1902
#5 Willie S. Shirley 1891 to 1893
#6 Robert S. Shirley 1879-1880
#7 Bonnie S. Shirley
#8 T.G. Shirley 1797 to 1886

#9-15 unknown
16 Mary A. Rawlings 4/7/1820 to 12/5/1843 Consort of A.J. Rawlings

#17-46 Unknown
#47 Cordelia Cate June 22, 1850
#48-80 unknown

Info sent by Ruth Shirley...

From editor...see this family in July 1983 NEWS page 5.

HABERSHAM CO. GEORGIA 1840 CENSUS

Aaron b. 1810-1820
Aaron b. 1770-1780
Charles b. 1813 SC
Moses Sr. b. 1770-1780
Moses Jr.
Hardy b. 1810-1820
John (didn't look up his age)

1850 Habersham Co. heads of household

Aaron b. ca. 1806 S.C.
Aaron (deceased) Lisa wife (he b. 1768 SC)
Aaron b. ca. 1827 Ga. liv. Fuller family
Berryman b. ca. 1826 Ga.
Beverly b. ca. 1815 Ga.
Charles b. 1813 Ga.
Moses b. 1806 SC
Y.J. b. ca. 1818 SC

DAVIS SHIRLEY FAMILY REUNION IN BRYAN TEXAS 1986

Davis Shirley was born ca. 1826 in Laurens Co. South Carolina. He was the son of Eli Shirley born Sept 1, 1797 of Laurens Co. SC.
Material relating to this branch of the family has been written in several past issues of the NEWS. APR 1980 p.3, JAN 1981 p. 8, APR 1981 p.6, 7, APR 1982 p.9, 10,11 and other articles on Laurens Co. Area Shirleys.

FROM YOUR EDITOR...I PLAN TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON THIS FAMILY AS WELL AS OTHERS IN THIS PENDLETON AND LAURENS CO. AREA WHILE I AM IN HONEA PATH AREAFOR WORK WEEK. HOPE TO FIND SOMETHING FOR A REPORT NEXT ISSUE!

There is an active group working on the Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama Shirley group. They have promised for sometime to share their information. We would apreciate hearing from you. Thank you! Their roots from the above area of S.C.

1820 Habersham Co. Ga. census...
Berryman Shirley b. 1794-1802
Moses Shirley b. 1775-1794
Moses b. before 1775
1830 census.....Habersham Co. Ga.

Riley Shirley b. 1800-1810
John Shirley b. 1800-1810
Moses Shirley b. 1760-1770

Robert Shirley b.ca. 1768 of Raburn Creek or Shirley Town in Laurens Co. SC was the son of John and Rebecca Shirley John was the son of Richard Shirley born about 1712.

On Oct 5, 1811 Robert Shirley of Fairfield Co. sold 150 acres on Raburn Creek, part of a tract containing 500 acres granted to Richard Shirley Feb 15, 1769, now sell to Robert Shirley son of John Shirley of Laurens Co. SC. Wit. John Shirley, Elijah Shirley. Thus we see that Robert, son of Richard, settled in Fairfield Co. SC. while Robert son of John Shirley remained in Laurens Co. SC.

On Feb 5, 1823 Robert Shirley of Laurens Co. to Beverly Shirley release 60 acres adjoining land of John Shirley, Robert Shirley et al. Robert Shirley was adm. of his fathers estate in 1816.

On Jan 14, 1832 Eli Shirley sold to David Anderson 75 acres East by Beverly Shirley, North by James and Jency Shirley and west by Reedy River, wit. Robert Boyd. signed Eli and Elizabeth Shirley, dower.

On Apr 2, 1827 Aaron Shirley and wife Elizabeth of Laurens Co. sold to David Anderson 84 acres adjoining George Anderson on Raburn Creek.

Beverly and Aaron lived in Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama and then went to Habersham Co. Ga.

FROM...UPDIKE BOOK!

ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

The City of Anderson and Anderson County are located in an area that once was a part of earlier Pendleton District. This early district was made up of the present Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. Together with the early Greenville District (County), this was the last part of the state to be settled. Thus, Andersonians live in an area that is known as South Carolina's last frontier--a region lying at the foot of a range of the Appalachian Mountains, which are among the oldest in the world. Popularly referred to as the South Carolina Upcountry, this territory belonged to the Cherokee Indians until the Revolutionary War and was never a part of the English Colony. As a part of the once vast Cherokee Indian Nation, it was known as the Cherokee Lowerhills.

The village of Pendleton was too near the new Anderson County line to serve as the seat of government for the new county. The Founding Act passed by the Legislature on December 20, 1826, named a commission of five men to select a site as near the center of the county as possible for the location of the Anderson Court House. The commission decided upon a suitable site for the court house and the village of Anderson in February, 1827, which is the city's founding date.

The City and County of Anderson were named for General Robert Anderson. He was born in 1741 in August County, Virginia, his parents having come to this country from Ireland. As a young man, he came to South Carolina to aid his good friend Andrew Pickens in surveying some land that had been ceded to the English Colony by the Indians.

Anderson returned to Virginia to marry Ann Thompson and brought her back to South Carolina where they settled at Long Canes (Abbeville County). Anderson later moved to the newly opened Upcounty and settled in early Pendleton District near the Seneca River, on the side of the river that became a part of Anderson County when the old district was divided.

The Village of Anderson was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature on December 19, 1833. Until that time, Anderson had no form of municipal government. The Act of Incorporation extended the village limits to a mile within every direction of the court house and set up a government by an Intendant and four Wardens. It scheduled Anderson's first municipal election on the third Monday in January, 1834. Anderson's observance of its sesquicentennial in 1983 was based on the 1833 Act of Incorporation which recognized Anderson as a municipality with powers of self-government. Until the 1880's, the village was known officially as Anderson Courthouse. In 1882, the form of government was changed from Intendant and Wardens to Mayor and City Council, thus signaling the emergence of Anderson as a city.

Anderson County and the City of Anderson have made history in many ways. At the turn of the century, Anderson was given the name "The Electric City" because it was the first town in the South to have an unlimited supply of hydro-electric power available for continuous use. In 1894, William C. Whitner became the president of the newly organized Anderson Water and Light Company. The following year, he successfully transmitted electricity over long distance lines from McFall's grist mill at High Shoals to Anderson, the first such achievement in the South. This opened the way for an industrial revolution in the southern states. The first little hydro-electric plant at High Shoals on Rocky River, six miles from Anderson, continued to operate until Portman Shoals power plant on the Seneca River, [illegible] miles from Anderson, was completed by the Anderson Water, Light and Power Company in 1898. The site of the plant was inundated by the waters of Lake Hartwell.

The first cotton gin in the world to be operated by electricity was that of Oliver Bolt in Anderson County during 1897. In addition, one of the earliest cotton mills in Dixie was located at La France in 1838 and has run continuously since that time.

Anderson owes its prosperity to textiles and other industries and diversified farming. In agricultural development, the county has moved steadily forward. It is the largest producer of beef cattle, second in dairying and first in wheat production in the state, and first in cotton production in the Piedmont area.

Anderson County was 150 years old on December 20, 1976, and the City of Anderson was 150 years old on December 19, 1983.

POINTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST IN ANDERSON COUNTY

THE OLD REFORMER - This little brass cannon of English make was brought to Charleston in 1764 by a group of German immigrants who were befriended by the King of England when they were stranded in London. The King outfitted two ships with goods and arms, including the cannon, for the Germans' voyage to the New World. The cannon is believed to have been used in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Some years later, Col. Eliab Moore, a Revolutionary War leader who settled near High Shoals and organized the Fourth Regiment of Militia in which he served as First Colonel, acquired the cannon for use by his artillery company at Howard's Old Field. It was hauled to this area from Hamburg, a now vanished riverport on the Savannah River, by Luke Hanks. It was said the cannon was fired when Governor George McDuffie came to review the militia at annual musters. In later years, Col. John Moore and his brothers James and Sam (Eliab Moore's grandsons) bought a large tract of land belonging to Thomas Dean. While looking over the property, they found the abandoned cannon and had their nephew John Smith haul it to the city of Anderson. The cannon was turned over to Smith's custody since he had served as a sergeant at Fort Moultrie and was well drilled in artillery. Tradition has it that the cannon's voice blazoned the news of the signing of the Ordinance of Succession in 1860. Smith gave it the name "The Old Reformer".

When the Democratic gubernatorial campaign for Wade Hampton opened in Anderson in 1876, John Smith mounted the cannon on his wagon and carried it to political meetings all over the county and surrounding area. On one occasion in Abbeville County while Smith was absent, the cannon was fired loaded with chains and iron spikes. Cuts in the weapon were caused by this. After the campaign, the cannon was abandoned and lay buried in the dirt at the old Anderson depot for a long time. Finally, it was rescued by W. R. Hubbard and placed on his lawn. It remained there until 1905-06 when it was turned over to the Cateechee Chapter, D.A.R., and placed near the intersection of North Main and Orr Streets. Eventually it became hazardous to automobile traffic, was removed and again disappeared from sight. It was rescued for a third time during Mayor Foster Fant's first term of office (1920-1922) and at this time it was mounted and placed on the Plaza where it stands today. By this time, its fine carriage had rotted away. The iron from the old support had been used during the Civil War to make ploughshares.

HIGH SHOALS - A historical marker erected on the Belton Highway near the Shoals by the Anderson County Historical Society reads as follows: "High Shoals, 2.9 miles south on Rocky River. Anderson Water, Light and Power Company, organized in 1894 by William C. Whitner, was successful the next year in transmitting electricity over the distance of six miles to Anderson. This achievement was the herald of the Industrial Revolution in the South."

BIG CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH - Located in the Town of Williamston, the Big Creek Baptist Church is noted by a historical marker. It was organized in 1788 by Elder Moses Holland and is the mother church of several others in Anderson County. Soldiers of five wars lie buried in the cemetery.

OLD STONE CHURCH - This church was of Presbyterian denomination and was built by John Rusk, a stonemason by trade and an ancestor of former Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The building replaced an early log church that burned. The foundation was laid in 1797 and the building was completed about 1802 or earlier. Among the founders of the church were General Robert Anderson and General Andrew Pickens, both of whom are buried in the church yard. The wavy lines in the church walls were more than likely caused by the Charleston earthquake in 1886. Many famous men and women from as far back as the American Revolution are buried in the church cemetery.

ANDERSON HISTORIC DISTRICT - There are two historic districts in Anderson. Some of the homes included in the historical residential area are:

Christopher Orr's Tavern, built 1835, served as a hostelry as well as a home. Moved from original location to present location on Manning Street.
The Poppe House on South McDuffie Street was built by a Charlestonian in 1859. Julius Poppe, a native of Leipsig, Germany, and his wife lived there from 1862 to early 20th Century.
The Frierson-Marshall House, also on S. McDuffie Street, is distinguished by its unusual steamboat Victorian trim.
The John P. Sullivan House of rare Chinese Chippendale architecture was built by a Charlestonian as a summer home in 1860.
The Earle-Broyles-Acker House was built by Samuel Girard Earle of Evergreen Plantation as his town house. It was also known as Evergreen. This house has been enlarged and changed but the core of the house is the original town house built about 1836.
The Chenault-Watkins House, South Main Street, is now the restaurant known as 1109 South Main.
The Caldwell-Johnson-Morris House, built in 1851, is now the restaurant known as Morris Street Tea Room.

Several other homes of historic interest outside the Historic District are the Wilhite-Brown House, the Brock-Brown House, the Prevost-Gibson House, the Hubbard-King House, the Rufus Fant, Sr. House and the Holleman-Rivers-Rice House. Also, there is Miss Frierson's one-room school house on North Main Street which has been restored by Anderson Heritage and is open for tour by appointment.

The Downtown Area is Anderson's second historic district. It includes many historic buildings including the Court House, City Hall, the Sullivan Hardware Building, the Chiquola Hotel Building (now Plaza Apartments), the Blue Ridge Railway Passenger Station, the Bank of Anderson Building, the Masonic Temple, and the G. F. Tolly Furniture Company Building. All of these have permanent markers.

PENDLETON, SOUTH CAROLINA

"A grand center of society and trade, one of the foremost pioneer towns in the South." This was a description of early Pendleton, an Anderson County community born of the American Revolution and carved from the land of the Cherokee Indians.

In existence since April 8, 1790, Pendleton was the pioneer court house seat of the old Pendleton District, now Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. While a part of Anderson County today, Pendleton was a village thirty-six years before Anderson's founding. Hardy Scotch-Irish settlers first settled here and soon their ruggedness was mixed with the aristocracy of the Low-country, many of whom built massive summer homes in Pendleton.

Pendleton's majestic past is still in the limelight. In the fall of 1970, the entire town and an area extending into Pickens County to Lake Hartwell was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. Comprising 6,316 acres, it is one of the largest historic districts in the nation.

Some examples of Pendleton's history are listed as:

WOODBURN - This impressive plantation was occupied before 1832 by the Charles Cotesworth Pinckney family and in the following decades other prominent families were associated with it. Today, like Ashtabula, it is operated by the Foundation on the same schedule and there are many fine furnishings in the house.

AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM - Adjoining the grounds of Woodburn, the museum (6,000 square feet) is not an old structure itself, but it displays many artifacts associated with farming in the early days. The emphasis is on heavy equipment like threshers, cotton gins, hay balers, shredders, etc.

HUNTER'S STORE - This 1850 general store building, one of the prominent landmarks in town as it sits on a hill by itself at the main intersection of the downtown area, is now headquarters for the Pendleton District Historical and Recreational Commission. Exhibits, books, arts and crafts, tour information, and extensive research facilities are available.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The County and Town of Anderson were named for General Robert Anderson, a partisan leader in the Revolution.

The Town of Belton was named for Judge Belton O'Neal.

The Town of Honea Path was originally named Honey Path. The town was named for William Honey, early trader and large landowner in the area. It is believed the name was changed to Honea Path because of an error in spelling in a later document where the "y" was so illegible it was mistaken for an "a".

The Town of Iva was originally Cook's Station for Dr. Cook, a prominent local physician, and the post office was named for his daughter Iva. The name Cook was dropped in favor of Iva for both station and post office.

The Town of Pelzer was named for Francis J. Pelzer who was one of the organizers of Pelzer Manufacturing Company.

The Town of Pendleton was named for Judge Henry Pendleton, a Virginian who came to live in South Carolina and made a name for himself as a jurist.

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from Ruth Burrell

SHIRLEYS OF VIRGINIA, S.C. & KY.

RICHARD SHIRLEY, the elder, b. ca. 1713 Augusta Co. Va. d. 1783 Pr. William Co. Virginia. Married ca. 1737 to Margaret Preston b. ca. 1720 Ireland d. prior 1783 Pr. William Co. Va.

children

John b. ca. 1738 m. Eliz. Barmore
Richard b. ca. 1740 m. Dorcas____
James b. ca. 1742 m. Mary McMekin
Thomas b. ca. 1746 m. Mollie Grubbs

RICHARD b. ca. 1740 d. 1797 Scott Co. Ky. m. Dorcas _____ca. 1761.

children

1. Benjamin 1762 Pr. Wm. Co. Va. m. Elizabeth Hughes (lived S.C.)
2. Margaret 1763 Pr. Wm. Co. Va.
3. Thomas 1765 Pr. Wm. Co. Va.
4. Sarah 1766 Pr. Wm. Co. Va.
5. John 1768 Pr. Wm. Co. Va. m. Elizabeth Fields (lived S.C.)
6. Susannah 1769 Pr. Wm Co. Va. m. Benjamin Smith
7. Ezekiel 1773 Pr. Wm Co. Va.
8. Amey 1775

Our Shirleys lived just over the Prince William line from Chapmans Mills. They belonged to the Broad Run Baptist Church in Chapmans Mill. The road from Haymarket over to Marshall is now Virginia state route #55. The road from Middleburg to White Plains is now Virginia Route #17. Fauquier and Alexander Pike on on U.S. Rout 29-24.

Benjamin 1762 and Elizabeth Hughes Shirley were the parents of Nathaniel Shirley who married Nancy Grubbs.

Nathaniel Shirley, Dr. James Latimer and his wife, Catherine Kay, Our link to President Jimmy Carter are buried in a private cemetary on the old Elmer Branyon farm on Rt. #89.

A log cabin built by Nathaniels brother, Mastin ca. 1820 still stands beside the cemetary.

Nathaniel Shirleys wife, Nancy, is in Little River Church Cemetary. President Jimmy Carters grandfather, Rev. James Kay, brother to our Catherine Kay, is also buried there.

Info from Conrad Shirley and Jean Conselya.

I wrote to President Jimmy Carter and invited him to work week after sharing this information with him. I had read he enjoys working on old buildings etc. The following is the reply:

Thank you for your recent letter inviting President and Mrs. Carter to attend the Shirley Anniversary Celebration and to help with the restoration of Obediah Shirley's house.

As much as they appreciate your offering them this opportunity, it will not be possible for President Carter or Mrs. Carter to join you. Regrettably, their schedules are so heavy that they are unable to accept additional commitments.

President and Mrs. Carter asked that I express their gratitude for your fine invitation and send their best wishes.

signed by their director of scheduling.

At least it was an iteresting idea! Wouldn't it have been nice to have the President helping us and interested in the Shirleys?

FUTURE TRIPS, MEETINGS ETC.

YES! I am still interested in going to England for our International Shirley Convention in May and am in negotiations with the land agent who handled our trip while we were in England. We will not be going thru the company who was our middle persons. This should help in keeping the cost down. I was slow to get going on the England trip because of the high rate of money exchange. But I have been assured there are a few ways to help in this situation and this is where we are. I have listed an itinerary and will be waiting for a price quote. Unfortunately it has not come in time for this issue of the NEWS. You see... England is in the middle of a postal Strike! and there is no incoming or outgoing mail right now. So..since it is not very long until the next issue, the details will be given in that issue. There is always the telephone or Skypak, a private mail company. We will have a report for you then!

I recieved several letters and a couple of phone calls in a matter of a week about travel plans. So...I know you are getting the traveling bug again... me too!!!

AUSTRALIA: NZ? Yes...I am back on this too! I had to give up these plans before partically because a trip was necessary to Honea Path, S.C. at that time to prepare for work week and lack of time to work on Australia among other things. I have been actively working on this trip for sometime in the fall of 1989. I MAY consider taking a few travelers with me. I should go on my own first but I have already received a few requests to go. So....if you are seriously interested in going with me to New Zealand aprox. Fall of 1989 (? Oct early Nov) which is their spring...(Sept-Nov.).

NOTE FROM EDITOR...

Just a mention to all of you who have been so kind to write concerning the loss of our son-in-law. I was deeply moved by such a response (many cards and letters) Thank you!!! Many have asked how my daughter is doing. She is doing well. I made a point of spending alot of time with all of my grandchildren this summer. I had ball games...3 different leagues... to attend after coming home from work week. This is one of the reasons for such a delay in getting out this issue of the NEWS. I put my family first this time! I rarely spend this much time as I seem to always be busy answering mail or researching or getting out the NEWS. I hope you will forgive me for the tardiness in publishing this issue. This will the problems about the Obediah house and my finally resigning are the contributing reasons for this delay. But... now the children (8 of them) are back in school and everyone is busy and I am back at work in the office.

I must admit I questioned for sometime if I should just give up the Shirley NEWS and just kick back. I have been doing this for 10 years now. I miss out on many things even though I have and do enjoy doing all of this Shirley work. The part that is more difficult is getting out the Shirley NEWS. It seemed to me to be a good stopping point...10 years! But... stepping back and looking at it and thinking about many of the letters in the past and some sitting here right now...I decided I would continue on. So...here we are in the middle of getting out another issue of the NEWS. I think it has been just a state of depression. I just need a good trip! Some ladies like a new hat or to move the furniture around...me it is another trip! HA! I just read in the paper yesterday...Pan to London Oct. 16 thru Dec 7, 1988. I was ready... HA! but that is out. Wished they would have these kind of offers when we are really ready to go.

Recieved a nice letter from the Countess (Earl Ferrers wife)....She read in the Internation NEWS about my son-in-law and wrote. She says the Earl is working more than 12 hours aday at his new post.

I will refrain from so much input in the next issue of the NEWS and give more SHIRLEY data. Sorry!

We could use some more pictures and old letters and new material from you who are doing research.

Our International Association is doing well.

We have thousands of names of Shirleys in our file not including the USA.

I will be working on the mail now... so If I still owe you a letter, expect an answer soon!

Thanks for your patience!

LETTER FROM STAUNTON HALL IN ENGLAND

It was a great pleasure showing David Bellamy around the Hall a few weeks ago to enable him to take a few photoraphs prior to his visit to California. I expect you will have seen the results by now and I trust you were impressed with the sympathetic way in which the repair and restoration work is being carried out. So splendid family homes such as Staunton Harold Hall are badly treated when being adapted for new uses. However I can assure that in this case the careful attention to detail and work in association with English Heritage has resulted in a truly first class job. It has created, as described by Lady Ryder, "a home for the living".

The present Earl Ferrers in addition to his appointment in the House of Lords, is Chairman of the Royal Commission of Historical Monuments, and as a Patron of our Appeal takes, as you can imagine a real interest in what is happening here.

Without wishing to repeat what David may have said to you I can say this project which is Group Captain Cheshire and Lady Ryder's first combined major venture in Britain, is seen by many as one of the most imaginative and comprehensive undertakings ever embarked upon, using a Grade 1 building, for such a range of uses associated with the relief of both at home and overseas.

To achieve this we have to raise approx. 1,000,000 pounds whith the majority of this coming from the voluntary sector. You will see from the enclosed brochure which incidently was made possible by the generousity of a group of supporters, that one of the ways in which we tackle our fund raising is to encourage the formation of support groups. These work as an independent body, usually with their own committee, holding the money they raise in their own account and transfering sums from time to time to the main appeal account via this office.

I hope you do not think it too impertient of me to ask if you would be interested or able to form such a group. Obviously most of our groups are interested in the Hall as they live within a radius of twenty miles or so, although we do have some further afield than this.

I realise that this is very much a long shot but with your close association with the Shirley Family I thought you may like to be invited to help us. Apart from anything else it would give a tremendous boost to our local supporters, and people who will eventually benefit from the work here, to think that such interest was being shown by people so far away.

We produce a newletter about four times a year and whatever your decision I would be pleased to send you a copy if you would like to receive it.

I seem to recall that David mentioned that your Association was involved with helping with the restoration of other Shirley Homes so I will, of course, quite understand if you feel unable to help us. However, I will keep my fingers crossed for we still have a long way to go to reach our goal.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
John Oliver
(Co-ordinator)

Well, what do you think Shirleys? Shall we raise funds for this project too?

I would like to help especially since this was the ancestral home of Earl Ferrers and you remember how gracious he was to us while we were in England!

Remember, this WAS his home, it no longer belongs to his family. But...the Shirley history is still preserved there.

I have not responded to this letter yet!

After working to raise funds for what I thought would be our NATIONAL Shirley Museum here in the states, and it has not materialized, I don't want to rush our group into something they are not ready to do. I MUST hear from some of you if you are interested in making a donation.

David Bellamy did visit me just before I came to Honea Path for work week. He spent a few days here in my home. He brought me over a photo album of fantastic pictures he took at Staunton Harold showing the restoration work. He took them from every location in the Hall. Alot were of areas I have never seen when I was there. Should I offer these to raise funds or???Suggestions please!

I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HELP!

WALTER SHIRLEY LINE...

The following letter sent by Alabeth Wooding.

Summit Point, Jefferson Co. W.VA.
January 10, 1912

Mr. R.B. Shirley:
Dear Sir:

Your letter received. I am always glad to hear anything about the Shirley family. Wish I could give you full particulars about my ancestors, but my father died when I was a mere boy. Thinking then, more about my dog and gun, than family history. Such few facts, as have been impressed on me by some venerable relative, I will gladly tell you.

We read in history, in the reign of Edward the Confessor, the Shirleys bore the Christian name of Sewallus, which is still borne today by the Earl Ferrers, the head of the house. The Ferrers peerage came into the Shirley family throught the marriage of Sir Henry Shirley, of Chartley Park, to Lady Dorothy Derereus,[should be Devereux], Earl of Essex, who was likewise Lord Ferrers. On the death of Lord Essex, his barony of Ferrers, fell into abeyance, whence it was called by Charles 11 in favor of Sir Robert Shirley of Chartley Hall, grandson of the Lady Dorothy Devereux, mentioned above. Subsequently King Charles advanced him to the dignities of Viscount Tamworth and Earl Ferrers. The widow of the fourth Earl of Ferrers, married Lord Frederick Campbell brother of the Duke of Argefle. Now, while I am not related to the Campbell family, I remember, some of the old Campbell portraits used to hang in my fathers home. I have been told the first Shirley, who came to America, was Sir Walter Shirley, who came over with a hunting party and settled in the region of the James River. Now here my record is dim. As far as I know my grandfather, James Shirley, had the following children: JAMES, ROBERT, TIMOTHY, and MARY PATIENCE. Mary must have married a Mr. Howard, as my fathers niece Mary Howard lived with him.

Following the tide of migration ever westward, the three Shirley brothers journeyed from the tide water region to the Shenandoah Valley and settled near a little village named Smithfield, afterwards nicked named Wizard Cliff.

Timothy joined the army during the war of 1812. He afterwards migrated to Mo. Little has been heard from him, as in those days, correspondence was a laborious and expensive task.

Robert, for whom I am named, moved to Kentucky. My father, named James, was born in 1768, he married twice. By his first wife, Ruth, he had two children, James and Mary. James married a Miss. Mary Grantham and their children were: WALTER, JOHN JAMES, RUTH and MARGARET, all dead but John who lives in Smithfield, now Middleway.

Mary Shirley married William Hurst, their children were: John, James, Ruth, Stephen and Elizabeth. John and his children still live in Jefferson County. My father's second wife was Matilda Vinson of Montgomery County Indiana. They had four children: ROBERT VINSON, GEORGE WILLIAM, THOMAS LEE and ELIZABETH. Thomas and Elizabeth are dead.

I was born in 1825, my brother a year and half later. He lived in Charletown W.VA. Although we are both well advanced in years, all our faculties are spared us, and we enjoy good health and happiness.

If you should ever happen in this part of the world, I would be glad to have you come to see me we will talk over all we know about the Shirleys. I understand the Earl Ferrers coat of arms, and history of the Shirley family from its origin in 1779, can be obtained from Martin and Allardyce, Cor. Frankford Ave. and Orthodop St., Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wishing you much happiness and prosperity during the coming year.

Very truly yours,
R.B. Shirley

WALTER SHIRLEY on April 6, 1854 married E. Sophia Bosley, the youngest daughter of Amon Bosley, in Baltimore. The minister was the Rev. Cyrus Waters. Walter was from Jefferson County, Va.
From...Index Baltimore Sun Marriages and Deaths, 1851-1860 4/12/54 page 2. (See exhibit 49).

This material sent by John B. Shirley found during research efforts in Md. this past year.

The R. B. Shirley is for Robert Bob Shirley. He is Robert Vinson Shirley.

WALTER SHIRLEY GROUP

This material from Iris Selnack.

DAVID SHIRLEY b. 1801-02 Jefferson Co. Va. Died Jan. 26, 1873. Death records state he was son of John Shirley and lived at Duffields.

He married Caroline McKnight Feb. 21, 1828.

Known Child

1. John J. of Shepherdstown b. 1831 Died July 22, 1896. Buried Methodist Cemetary, Uvilla. He married Ann E. Hosier. He worked as a Railroad hand.

Known Child

(1) Cora born Aug 4, 1857 m. James Miller Dec 10, 1879 Jefferson Co. Va.

In the 1850 census in Jefferson Co. Va. I found the following:

David b. ca. 1802 Va.
Caroline b. ca. 1802 Va
John J. b. ca. 1831 Va.
William T. b. ca. 1836 Va.
Lorina J. b. ca. 1838 Va.
Eliza b. ca. 1842 Va.
Mary W. KNIGHT b. ca. 1769 Va.

Perhaps the name of Mary was Mc Knight it could be I misread the census writing...which is easy to do.

Note: Family history says this David is the son of Walter Shirley Jr. Yet David, husband of Caroline, death records record him as a son of John.

Can anyone help???

See page 8 of April 1983 NEWS...
The following info sent by Georgia Christine... grandaughter of Manco Shirley.

WALTER SHIRLEY BRANCH...
Walter (1), James (2) Robert (3) Elias (4)

ELIAS SHIRLEY, great grandson of Walter, born Dec. 18, 1800 Frederick Co. Va. Died March 21, 1855 Defiance Co. Ohio
m. 1st. Phoebe Hudson
m. 2nd. Nancy Fulton (Hoover)
Son...
GEORGE WASHINGTON b. Dec. 18, 1827
d. Feb 5, 1898
m. 1st Sarah Emily Harris

children

1. Horatio b. ____ d. ____
m. Belle ____
Horatio was an attorney and settled in Oklahoma Territory. Family legend is he was responsible for moving the Capitol of Oklahoma from Tulsa to Okla. City.

2. Ella m. Edward Wells
3. James m. Ida

children

(1) Robert died during WWl
(2) Anna She was a bookkeeper for Armour in Omaha, Neb.

James wife died and these children were cared for by family members. James was an amateur magician of some repute.

George Washington Shirley married 2nd Lucy Nelson Hutchinson

4. Delta b. 1868 d. 1884 Peru, Neb.
5. Manco b. 1870 d. 1955 Sparks, Nevada
6. Lee b. 1872...he was a mind reader and played the violin.
7. Robert b. 1875 Peru, Neb.
Left home and went to Texas. Nothing more heard from him.

Back issues of the Shirley NEWS

We have just completed 10 years of the Shirley NEWS. In commemoration of this occasion, The Shirley Association offers ALL BACK ISSUES OF THE NEWS BOUND IN BOOK FORM WITH HARD COVER for preservation for years to come.

To order book: Send $50 plus $3 for shipping and handling to:

Shirley Association
10256 Glencoe Dr.
Cupertino, Ca. 95014

Note: This book would make a nice Christmas or Birthday gift!

[40 issues of the NEWS].

To become a member of the Shirley Assoc. Write to the above address. Membership is still $15 per year and you will receive 4 issues of the NEWS during the year. Do send the name of your earliest Shirley ancestor with county and state of residence and time frame.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE COOKBOOKS!

This is your last chance to purchase the Obediah Shirley Cook Book thru the Shirley Association! If you are interested in these for gift giving during the holidays, now is the time to order. Cost is $9.45, incl. cost of mailing. Order from above address. Checks same name.

REPORT ON WORK WEEK AT OBEDIAHS HOUSE!

Work week was a success! Much credit goes to two young Shirley men who came from California to work on this project. Dale and Nathan Shirley. You on the trip to England will remember these two young fellows. Dale is my son and Nathan is Barbaras (my niece who travels with me to so many of the meetings and conventions), son.

Large boulders were walked from the field across from Obediahs house by Dale and Nathan to help secure the foundation after getting it leveled. This was no small task! It was they who did most of the work in sheeting the two story building preparing it for new roofing. All of the workers agreed they were the key help in getting the more difficult work accomplished.

But, there were others who were very devoted to this project and worked very hard too! Nathans father, Lee, and Dales father and my husband, Guy. Guys sisters husband was very helpful and isn't even a member of the Shirley Association. He, James Massey, came with us not knowing what he could do to help. But he soon found areas he could work. His wife Mildred helped Dot Ricketts with the clean up and meal preparations since it was with the Ricketts our California gang stayed. Julian Ricketts was over at Obediahs working with the rest of the Shirleys. These lovely people stayed down the street at a relatives home at night so we could stay at their home. There were 8 of us from California. Barbara and I helped when we could and the rest of the time was spent selling raffle tickets in front of BI-Lo Grocery store in Honea Path to raise funds for this project. Also we did some cemetary hopping...even after dark!!!

Tom Shirley from Ft. Worth, Texas bought a new travel trailer and truck and made the trip to work on Obediahs house. He brought tools and was helpful in keeping things together for us. He is a fantastic person! He worked where he could doing what he could. He is a bit limited since having a heart attack last year. You did good Tom!

Another group who came from Texas was Pat and Leo Norman. Pat is a sister to Shirley Faye Hill who also came to work on Obediahs house. Leo and Pat have been members of the Shirley Association since Jan 1981. This was the first time I have really spent any time with them. They are very dedicated to the restoration of this house as this is Pats ancestors house. Leo is a very hard worker and we enjoyed their company.

Another person came the first morning to take some pictures of Obediahs before we leveled the house. His name? John Shirley and he is from Anderson, S.C. He thought we were going to level it...tear it down. Well, he took his pictures and stayed the rest of the day working with us. The next day he was back and everyday we were there, so was John. He descends from the Pa. Shirley family in the Armstrong and Indiana Co. Pa. area. I asked him what he was doing down here with the S.C. Shirleys.

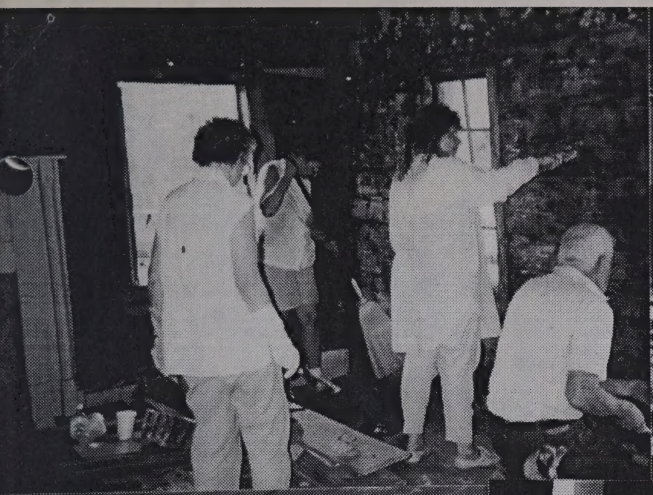
At our 10th Anniversary dinner, I met another one of our members for the first time. Her name is Gloria Shirley from North Carolina. She descends from the Benjamin and Eliz. Hughes Shirley family. She came just to meet us and get acquainted with the Shirleys and see what she could learn about her ancestory. She knew almost nothing at all. She has been a member of the Shirley Assoc. for alittle over two years. She told me how we had helped her when she wrote seeking any kind of information past her...?father? I think she said. It was good to hear we had been of help. I don't retain who we've helped...just knowing we continue to be of help is good to know.

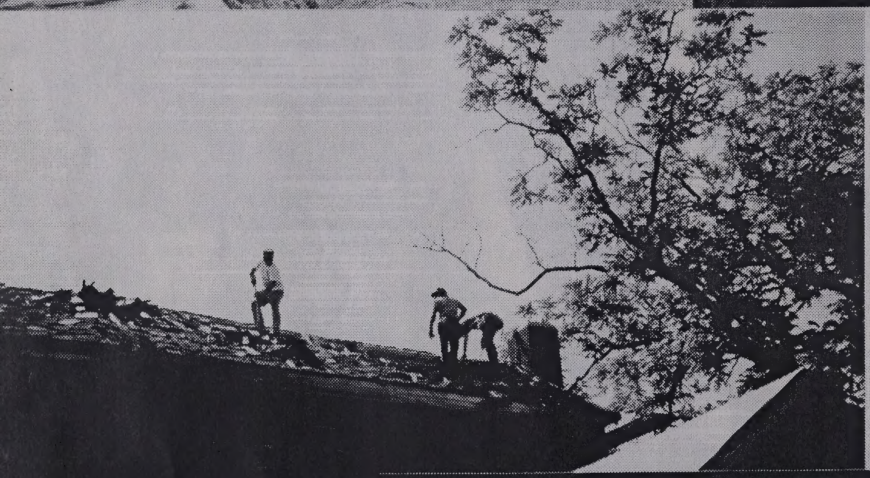
On Sunday, May 29th the First Baptist church had their homecoming. What a time we had with all the food and good company.

On Monday, Dale, Nathan and Lee returned to California to their jobs. Another group of Shirleys, Obediah descendants, spent the next few days working on the house. We stripped some walls of old wall paper and removed thousands of nails from all over the walls, raked up the old black roofing and many people did not look white anymore. It was a messey job.

Several churches in the area provided food for the workers during work week. This gave us a chance to meet some of the local people as they stayed and served us and we had a time of fellowship with them.

Honea Path is a great little community. Visit sometime when you are in the area. Do stop and ask for directions to Obediahs house and see for yourself the success to date of the restoration efforts on this fine old Shirley home.





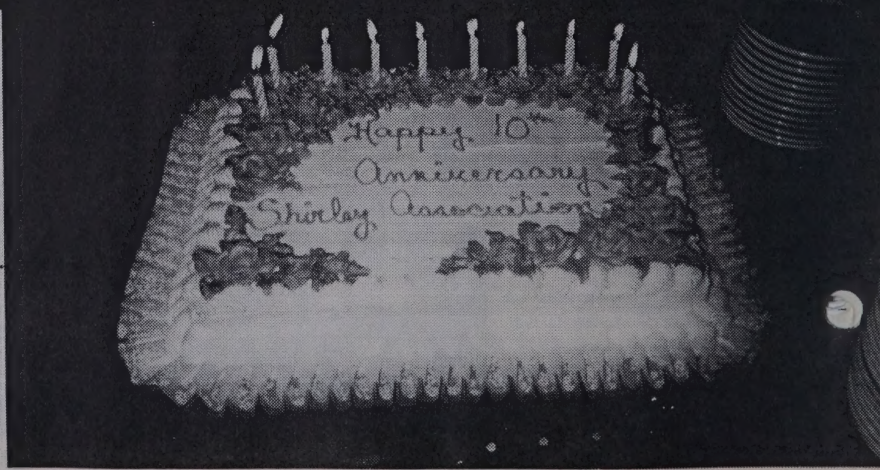
Upper Left: James Massey, John Shirley, Nathan Shirley and kneeling is Julian Ricketts.

Above: Mary Keith Oakes, Carol Scott of New Jersey, Ellis Oakes and Marcia Hyde of Berkeley, Calif. (Obediah desc. This was Marcias first trip back to S.C. Her father, Joe Anderson, from Southern California flew in for the Shirley get together also). [Joe not pictured].

Above: Guy, Dale and Nathan removing the old roofing from the Obediah house.

Right: Anniversary Cake celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Shirley Association.

Dinner at Bradens restaurant, Anderson, South Carolina



Dinner Sat. evening May 28, 1988 celebrating the SHIRLEY ASSOCIATIONS tenth Anniversary!

Gentleman at far ~~right~~ left is Jim Austin who donated the Obediah Shirley house and one acre of land.

In the background are several of those attending the dinner.

The group was entertained by a recently formed group of Sweet Adaline Singers.

Right: Nathan and Dale Shirley from California and Gloria Shirley from North Carolina.

Picture taken at the 10th Anniversary dinner.

Below: A happy group of Shirleys attending the 10th Anniversary Dinner in Anderson, South Carolina.

A drawing was held for door prizes for those attending the Anniversary dinner.

Winners are:

Alex Conselya: Book about the Three Shirley Brothers.
Gloria Shirley: Video of Ettington Celebration 1986
Jim Austin: Shirley Coat of Arms pin.

Mrs. Franklin Shirley: 100 Shirley Crest labels.

Left: Group of SHIRLEYS in front of the old Shirley Hotel built by a son of Obediah Shirley. Picture taken in Honea Path, S.C. on Sunday May 29, 1988 on Homecoming Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

Right: Dinner on the grounds of the First Baptist Church in Honea Path, S.C. May 29, 1988. This property adjoins the old Shirley Hotel. The church has purchased this old Shirley property. It has not been decided just how the church plans to use the facilities.

Left: Barbara Shirley sitting in front of Bi LO Grocery store in Honea Path selling raffle tickets and SHIRLEY Cook Books.

BETTY SHIRLEY RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF OBEDIAH SHIRLEY HOUSE FOUNDATION, INC.

It is with much regret and sadness that I, Betty Shirley, must resign as President.

To me the Shirley Association has always been first and foremost and shall continue to be. I feel a responsibility to make decisions that would be best on behalf of the Association.

The board of Directors who also serve as the officers of the Foundation and myself have had some differences of opinions in reguards to this project. After careful consideration (including a 4 hour long distance call), I decided it would be in the best interest of the Shirley Assoc. and myself to let the Obediah Shirley family continue with the business of restoring their ancestors house.

In a registered letter of Aug. 20th, 1988, I found statements and recommendations which I did not feel comfortable with...considering this was to have been the site of the SHIRLEY ASSOC. NATIONAL SHIRLEY MUSEUM for ALL branches of the Shirley family.

The message contained in this letter was that the board did agree with my recommendations of expanding the Board of Directors. My recommendations of 5 male Shirleys representing 5 different Shirley branches of the Shirley family was being rejected. I had given their names and why I recommended them.

A new group of names was presented to me and I was TOLD these would be asked unless I could show acceptable reasons why they should not be added....and I had 14 days to reply.

My reasons why I could not agree are: With the new list of people, should they accept, would bring the number of Board members to 5 from the Obediah family and the other person is a Judge in the area and is a non-Shirley. In my opinion the concept of a National Shirley Museum for ALL branches should have a Board with representation from several branches. Otherwise it gives the image of being an Obediah Shirley family and community museum. This is how I see it and think the people currently recommended would be a great asset to the project. It will not serve as a NATIONAL SHIRLEY MUSEUM from my point of view at this time and under these circumstances.

As President, I have had no input about this project since the March 1988 trip to Honea Path. How can a President function when they are not informed and requests for information go unanswered?

When I was in Honea Path community, I learned that the idea of the Foundation was being promoted as a completely separate organization and had nothing to do with the Shirley Association. In the newspaper write-ups locally, the name of the Shirley Association was never mentioned. This bothered me as it was this body of people who actually saved this house from immediate destruction! It was to the Shirley Assoc. this property was being offered IF we would agree to restore it etc. and give the donors a tax write-off.

The tax exempt status has not yet been determined. The Shirley Association was to be used as the influential subject for the determining factor. I trust the Foundation can qualify on their own. Otherwise, the property will revert back to the donors. We certainly don't want to see this happen. In this case we may have to re-evaluate this situation.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR SHIRLEY ASSOC. MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS TO THIS PROJECT! INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE SENT IN RECIPES AND PURCHASED COOKBOOKS...THANK YOU!

If you gave your donation with the National project in mind and are very disappointed to the point you would like your donation refunded...you should write to the Foundation so stating this fact. On the other hand, you may feel you have helped to save an old Shirley house from destruction and will be content with this idea. I cannot tell you how to react. All I can say is that I am sorry this has not worked out as I had envisioned.

I shall continue to be supportive of this project as I would of any other Shirley project. I wish them success and we would like to have some updates on this house from time to time.

If you are in the vicinity, be sure to go by and see this house and other locations belonging to Shirleys.

If you have any questions, I will answer them upon request. You may write or call...408-255-8511.

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From your editor...

We have lost 4 members of the Shirley Association since April this year.

The first was Harriett E. Shirley of Kansas City, Mo. She died April 22. Cause of her death...cancer. Her brother died in Feb. also from cancer. The branch of Shirleys they descend is from Michael and Katy Franz Shirley.

Granville Shirley died in May... he also had cancer.

In a letter from Donna, his wife, she writes:

Dear Betty,

Thank you for your comforting letter. I had sent a notice to you in care of the restaurant where you held the banquet in Anderson, S.C. but I presume it did not reach you.

There is no way I can express our gratitude for the enrich ment of friends, relatives, knowledge and travel you have brought into our lives by your founding and work with the "Shirley Association". I hope you will forgive us for omitting it in the obituary along with another; Fellow of the Institute for Development of Educational Activities, both of which were very important to Granville. The upheaval of separation leaves one omitting very important details!

Our England trip and the tour last year [Boston, New York, etc...] were really memorable for Granville. He thought you did a terrific job with both of them!

He came to feel that the times of the earlier ancestral Shirleys along with their qualities of tenacity, survivalship and wide scope of innate abitities were to be highly appreciated. I think he himself summed it up best in a resume for a church news letter. He wrote: "After two hundred years of hard work, privation, keeping the faith, and family loyalties, this generation emerged into the twentieth century a stalwart people"

So you see Betty, you just can't always know what a great impact you have had on many of us and all I can say is "Thank you" for your hard work and what it has meant to us.

(I hope Donna won't mind my using this letter in the NEWS. I can't begin to

Veteran Berkeley Educator Granville Shirley Dies

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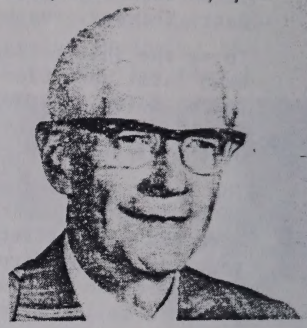
Granville Van Shirley



GRANVILLE SHIRLEY
Started teaching in 1928

SHIRLEY, GRANVILLE VAN, prominent educator, churchman, farmer, Navy veteran and summer camp director, died Monday morning following a lifelong residency in Berkeley County.

Born April 12, 1910, he was the son of the late Van I. Shirley and Bessie Adams Shirley.

He was a teacher and school principal in Berkeley County for 47 years.

He began teaching at the age of 18 in 1928 in one-room schools, known as Rabbit's Den and McCubbin in the Back Creek Valley. He then taught at Bunker Hill Grade School.

In 1936, he became principal at Pikeside Grade School after earning his degrees.

Following service in World War II in the U.S. Navy as Educational Services Officer in Dutch Harbor, Alleutian Islands, Alaska, he returned to Pikeside School. He moved to John Street Grade School, Martinsburg in 1949. Later he became the first principal of Martinsburg South Junior High School. Continuing a pursuit of Educational Curriculum Excellence, he initiated the first Open School Concept at Valley View Elementary at Darkesville. He ended his educational career there.

Shirley was a member of Inwood United Methodist Church, he served on the Board of Trustees. He was a youth Sunday school teacher for more than 30 years and layman and Sunday school superintendent.

From 1941 through 1978, he was swimming and waterfront director at Camp Shaw-Mi-Del-Eca on the Greenbrier River, near White Sulphur Springs.

He was a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America for several years in Inwood.

He received his bachelor's degree from Shepherd College and his masters degree from West Virginia University.

He was past president of the Shepherd College Emeritus Club, past president of the Eastern Panhandle Heart Association and vice president of the Berkeley County Historical Association.

He was a member of the Tri-County Older Group Club, Berkeley County Education Association, West Virginia Education Association, the National Education Association, the West Virginia Parent Teachers Association and the West Virginia and Berkeley County Retired School Employees Association.

He farmed for many years as an avocation.

He dedicated many years to educational excellence and was honored by the Bunker Hill-Musselman Alumni Association in May of 1987.

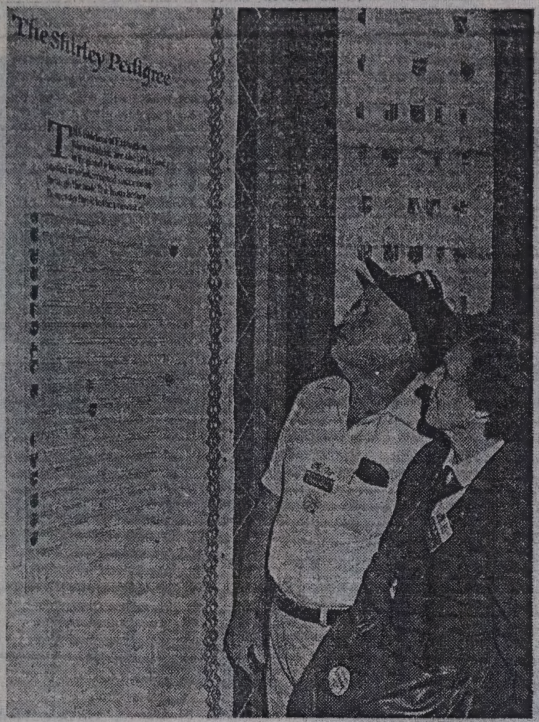
Surviving are his wife, Donna Lee Staub Shirley, at home; two sons, D. Lynn Shirley, of Los Altos, Calif., and G. Scott Shirley, of Morgantown; two daughters, Sherry Anne Bryant, of Wayland, Mass., and Silva Lee Thomas, of Fletcher, Ohio; seven grandchildren; three brothers, Ray L. Shirley, of Gainesville, Fla., Leslie O. Shirley, of Lutz, Fla., and Edgar L. Shirley, of Winter Garden, Fla.; two sisters, Elsie S. Engle, of Nitro, W.Va., and Marjorie S. Perrault, of Winchester; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Conrad D. Shirley.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Inwood United Methodist Church with the Rev. John E. Wright, the Rev. Leslie O. Shirley and the Rev. James H. Legg officiating. Burial will be in Gerrardstown Presbyterian Cemetery.

Friends will be received at Kogelschatz Funeral Home 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to Inwood United Methodist Church; Camp Frame 4-H Scholarship Fund; Boys Club of Martinsburg or Boys Scouts of America.



Mr and Mrs G. Shirley, from Ringgold, Georgia, members of The Shirley Association of America, tracing the Shirley Pedigree at the Domesday Exhibition, sponsored by The Daily Telegraph and Prudential Assurance, at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane.

tell you how it lifted my spirits. I have been in a deep depression lately).

Granville Shirleys branch of the Shirleys from Morgan Co. W. Virginia area. His first Shirley ancestor was Peter Shirley born ca. 1792 in Pa. and his wife was Elizabeth Zeilor.

T.G. Shirley died of a heart attack on July 8th. He and Jemima were on our 1986 England trip.

I called Jemima and she too said what a great time Griffin had had on the England trip and the tone of her conversation similar to Donnas. Another Shirley to be missed!

T.G. Shirley is from the Thomas Shirley born about 1755 S.C. died ca. 1835 Tenn. and Margaret was Thomas' wife. His son Thomas Jr. born 1797 North Carolina and died 1886, Snowhill, Hamilton Co. Tenn. (page 5 July 1983 NEWS).

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-Saturday, July 9, 1988

T. Griffin Shirley

RINGGOLD, Ga. — Services for T. Griffin Shirley will be Sunday at 4 p.m. in the chapel of Wallis-Stewart Guardian Funeral Home, Ringgold, with the Rev. Robert Partridge officiating.

Burial will be in New Boynton Cemetery with full Masonic services. Active pallbearers will be O.C. Dietz, Jimmy Shirley, William F. Shirley Jr., Raymond Monger, Ed Reed, Henry Kellerhals, Randy Cochran and Ron Turner. Honorary pallbearers will be the Chattanooga Mudslingers, a four-wheel drive club.

Mr. Shirley of Ringgold died Friday in a local hospital. He was 69.

A member of Boynton United Methodist Church, Mr. Shirley was also a member of Quitman Lodge 106 F&AM and Alhambra Shrine Temple.

He was a 32nd degree mason in the Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alan P. Shirley.

Survivors include his wife, Jemima Reed Shirley; a son, T. Griffin Shirley III, Ringgold, Ga.; and three brothers, Robert, Fred and J.F. Shirley, all of Ringgold.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

David Shirley and his wife Ruth traveled to England in 1985 as they could not go with us on the 1986 tour. The picture of David is taken in the Library at Ettington.

David is descended from the Patrick Shirley branch ...(page 2, Oct '82 and p. 3 of July 1987 NEWS).

Each of these have attended Shirley Conventions and are known by many of you. I know you will feel their loss as I have. These all have been faithful members for many years. I just can't believe we lost so many in such a short amount of time.

When I spoke with the wives, they all assured me they would keep active in the Shirley research of their husbands Shirleys.

If you know any of the above people or they are from your branch, a note would be nice. They'll be in our thoughts & prayer.

THE DALES & SHIRLEYS

Recently while working on this line I came across a few bits and pieces:

In the list of Isaac Dales children it says Elizabeth Dale married Nimrod Shirley, son of James Shirley.

A descendant of Jane Shirley who married William Dale (brother of Nancy Dale who married Moses Shirley) says Jane is the daughter of James Shirley and wife Mary McMekin and that MARY IS THE 2ND WIFE OF JAMES.

Another correspondent has Nancy Eliz. Dale born 1779 in Shenandoah Co. Va. as daughter of Isaac Dale and Margaret Tillman.

Any comments would be apreciated from this group of Shirleys!

John Beals sent me a letter asking about a letter he just received from the Dale Library asking for Dale info and promoting a book sale on the Dale Family. I placed a call to Dr. Donald Dale and we chatted for about 45 min.

This is a sincere group and one I think I can recommend to any Shirley-Dale connections....

If you would like more information write me, at the Association address.

David Shirley, former head of UT chemistry branch, dies

Dr. David A. Shirley, head of the University of Tennessee's chemistry department in Knoxville from 1962 until his retirement in 1979, died of cancer Thursday morning at UT Hospital.

Shirley, 69, was a Knoxville native. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from UT. He had been a member of the UT faculty for 26 years and was nationally recognized for research in organic chemistry.

Shirley earned his doctorate from Iowa State University in 1943, and was a research chemist for Du Pont. Before joining the UT faculty in 1953, he was a professor at Tulane University in New Orleans.

"The department moved tremendously under Dr. Shirley's leadership," said Dr. Gleb Mamantov, who succeeded Shirley as department head in 1979. "He was an outstanding administrator and an extremely good organic chemist who was nationally recognized in the field.

"Most importantly, he was quite a human being," Mamantov said.

During Shirley's tenure, the chemistry department grew from a relatively small unit to a department with more than 30 full-time professors and thousands of dollars in research contracts, Mamantov said.

Shirley wrote two books and had more than 75 scientific articles published. He also was active locally and nationally in the American Chemical Society.

Shirley received a chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Service to UT in 1979 and the Distinguished Service Award from the UT chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 1983. A plaque honoring Shirley hangs in the new Hodges Library on the campus.

1979 photo

Dr. David A. Shirley

Shirley was recognized by "Who's Who in America" and made this philosophical observation in the book:

"I view life as an opportunity for a creative and perhaps triumphant effort by an individual against the underlying matrix of tragedy into which we are all born. Among the most lasting of these efforts are our creations in the arts, in literature and in the sciences, but also important is our recognition that in the striving for our goals and in the lessening of our own pain, we should not add to the burden of others."

After his retirement, Shirley contributed money to a fund bearing his name which supports work done by graduate students and young faculty members in the chemistry department.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Mann's Heritage Chapel.

David Shirley (right) in Library, Ettington Hotel England in 1985.

He was born Sept 15, 1918 and died Aug. 25, 1988. He had cancer.

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CHARLES BURCHELL SHIRLEY

Doctor Charles Burchell Shirley was born September 14, 1848 Alexandria, Virginia. His father was Charles who was a son of Ephraim Shirley born ca. 1784 in Jefferson Co. Va. and his father was Jarvis who was a son of Walter Shirley b. ca. 1690 England according to family tradition.

In the picture above, Dr. Shirleys wife, Augusta, is standing on the porch and their daughter can be seen standing behind the buggy. Her name Marguerite and she was the youngest daughter.

Dr. Shirley's father had begun life at historic Harper's Ferry, but lived in Alexander, Virginia during the greater part of his life. He followed government work for a great many years, having early in his career been stationed at Washington D.C., the national capital, Always retaining a great interest for him, which was in later years passed on to his son. Of the eleven children born to Charles and Sarah, the eldest was Charles B.

The private schools of Alexandria provided the educational advantages which fortune, vouchsafed to the boy Charles Shirley. Having completed his studies of a general nature, he went to the capital city in the District of Columbia, where he was engaged as a bookkeeper for many years. But his gifts and his tendencies were scientific and professional and the time came when he laid aside the activities toward which chance had pointed the way, and entered upon those to which his interests and ambition called him.

Still in his young manhood, but at that period of it in which vigor and poise have attained their truest balance for study. Charles B. Shirley entered in medical school in 1876. Three years later, he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine and immediately entered upon the profession in which he has become such a signal of success. The scene of Dr. Shirley's early practice was the city of Washington, where he attained both prosperity and popularity in his chosen field.

After seven years of professional activity in the city of Washington, Dr. Shirley determined on a change of climate for the sake of Mrs. Shirley's health. Silver City, New Mexico, met the demands for a dryer air and there the doctor and his family were located from 1886 until 1891. In that city also his skill as a physician met with gratifying demand for his services and Dr. Shirley endeared himself to both patients and citizens in general, to a remarkable degree. In the last mentioned year he made a second and final change of residence and professional location. Coming to the infant city of Weiser, Idaho, which then contained six buildings, he established his permanent home. The third physician to take up practice in his community, he demonstrated a superior ability by his ever growing importance to the town and his prominence through out the state.

Dr. Shirley is, of course an active spirit in the medical societies of this section of the country, being leader in both the "All-State" and the Southern Idaho organizations and having been one of the organizers of the later. Fraternal Societies also claim his membership and by their exponents he is mentioned with rare enthusiasm. He is connected with the Ancient Order of the United Workman of which he was one of the organizers in Silver City. He was Knight of Pythias of high rank, having passed all chairs of that organization and holding exceptionally superior office of Grand Chancellor of the state body of the same. He was one of the charter members in Weiser, where he has shown the greatest devotion and loyality of his Myrtle Lodge #26 of this order. To him is given chief credit for the erection of Castle Hall, built by the lodge in 1903 and 1904, and knowledged as surpassing in architectural beauty any other lodge home of the Knights of Pythias in the Northwest. His zeal and enthusiasm in this society has lead to his being affectionately called, by his official brother Knights, "the Grand Old Man of our lodge."

Dr. Shirley has long marched under the Republican banner, to which he has ever been loyal in supporting its principals. In religious affiliation he and his family are connected with the Episcopal church.

Taken from the book "The History of Idaho"

Sent by: Francis & Eliza Crabtree

BOOK TO COMMEMORATE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION

Composed of the 40 issues of the
SHIRLEY NEWS
from July 1978 to April 1988
Hard cover, 8½" x 11", 480 pages
partially indexed. $ 55.00

I am pleased to report that this book has received many compliments and is helpful to our newer members particularly. The pages are all uniform, the partial index computer print out is a terrific way to look back thru the past issues. THANK YOU FOR THE ORDERS!!! and kind words!

ENGLISH ESTATES OF AMERICAN COLONISTS

1610 - 1699 *by Peter Wilson Coldham*

Ralph Shurley of White Chapel, Middlesex England who died in Virginia.
Adm. to relict Elizabeth Shurley Nov. 1694.

1700 - 1799

William Shirley of Eaton, Buckinghamshire England who died in Virginia on ship JAMES.
Adm. to relict Catherine Shirley Feb 1708.

William Shirley of Virginia, bachelor.
Probate to Edward Bottehurst

William Shirley, secretary to General Edward Braddock who died in America, bachelor.
Adm. to father William Shirley, Jan 1757. *[Governor William Shirley's son].*

1800 - 1858

Thomas Frederick Shirley, formerly of Carlisle Lane, Westminister Road, Surrey, England, died with his wife Hannah and children Emma and Hannah, as passengers on American ship "Charles Bartlett" when she was run down on passage to New York by steam ship "Europa".
Limited adm. to Joseph Eugene Shirley Sept. 1849.

[information sent by Florence Hodges]

ANNOUNCING . . .

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION

May 13th, 1989
at
Staunton Harold in England

Staunton Harold is the ancestral home of the branch of Shirleys who have bore the title of Earl Ferrers since the 1600's to present. Shirleys of England and other countries plan on attending this convention.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND TRIP PLANNED IN OCTOBER 1989 TO MEET SHIRLEYS AND VISIT POINTS OF INTEREST

Write requesting further information

UPCOMING . . .

Shirley Heritage Tour of England

May 9th - May 20th, 1989

- Stay at Ettington Park, the original estate of the Shirley family, now a 5 star hotel
- Visit Stratford Upon Avon, see a performance in the Shakespear Theatre, and enjoy a river cruise down the river Avon
- Follow the path of the Pilgrims visiting places like Lincoln and Boston
- The Famous Sherwood Forest
- Staunton Harold and it's church, the only church built during Oliver Cromwells time by Robert Shirley who died in the Tower of London where he was imprisoned for building the church
- Attend the one day *International Shirley Convention* meeting Shirleys from other countries
- Former manor homes and villages of the ancestral Shirleys including those in the Sussex area
- Windsor Castle
- Stonehenge
- And much more . . . .

Price: $1,961 plus air fare

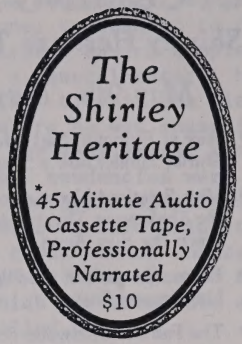
I am working on the air fare arrangements at the present time. I have been quoted $468 N.Y. to London and return.

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.....Please write for our reservation application form and trip details.

I have personally talked to the people in Isfield, Shirley Village, the gal at Chartley Castle Tea House and etc. and they are excited to hear we are coming over again.and will be glad to help again in hosting our visit to their area.

I have talked with the Countess to see if the Earl Ferrer and their family can join us at Staunton Harold for our FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION and they hope to be able to do so on May 13th. There were no other dates open on his date book for the month of May. They will be out of the country the latter part of May. They really do want to be with us!!! He says he has very little time to himself since he returned to active service in the House of Parliment.

We hope they can be with us.



* The Shirley family is recorded in 1086 at Ettington Park in England. We begin the story with some highlights about this great family and follow the Shirleys to America acquainting you with their early history as well as given localities they resided in the 1700-1800 era.

You can share the highlights of the 900th Anniversary celebration in 1986 at Ettington Park, an occassion attended by Major John Shirley (the present owner), The Queens Representative, and the mayor of Stratford Upon Avon, just to name a few, plus over 100 Shirley descendants from the U.S.A.

THE SHIRLEY HERITAGE CASSETTE

This cassette was offered some months ago and the orders were slow. Soon after, I became involved with the South Carolina project and did not get the cassette made at that time. I either returned the money or asked for more time to get the tape made.

At last, I began the script writing, hired a proffessional narrator and arranged with a recording studio to use their facilities and the tape was recorded about 2 weeks before Thanksgiving. I sat and listened to the tape several times and wasn't satisfied and decided to add some to it and change a couple of the sequences into a different order. To make a long story shorter, the sound man messed up and as a result alot of background noise was audiable on my finished master tape. By this time we were getting into the Christmas season and I put it aside to deal with after Christmas. I did however continue to find a company to run the tapes and design the insert for the cassette box and shrink wrap. Immediately after New Years Day, I made arrangements to get the cassette corrected and now it is ready to go. The colored inserts and the tape in final package form will be ready for me to pick up in one week.

In the meantime I was also working on a nice brochure...we never have had a professional one done. I am enclosing one in the next issue of the NEWS. I hope you like it. These two items have been costly to do and the Association did not have funds for doing this. I have borrowed money from an outside source to finance this project.

The purpose for this project is .....

To mail a professional looking brochure to SHIRLEYS in each state offering them an opportunity to learn about their SHIRLEY heritage. There are companies mailing out to these Shirleys advertising a book which says it will tell them about their Shirley heritage and yet, as we all know, it doesn't!

By offering a cassette tape and at a price which is affordable to most, and with a brochure which tells them more about the Shirleys than these books do that they have ordered, we think we can get their interest.

I shall begin mailing per state to SHIRLEYS listed in that state and the names I have of those who have contacted us in the past whose last name is not SHIRLEY and who are not now active members. We hope to generate alot of interest with this project. We need new information and to build the Association.

YOUR help would be greatly apreciated! I have had members in the past who said...Do you need some extra funds? I wasn't involved in a special project at the time. Now... my answer to you who have asked, YES! I really could use some extra funds for the postage for the mailing costs of these brochures. Some may just want to send some stamps...that would be GREAT!!!

I have spent for Augusta Co. Va. research lately and would like to do some more research soon, but again, we do not have funds for alot of research. By buying tapes and encouraging family members to join the Association, we can accumulate additional funds for these purposes. These cassette tapes will make great gifts for family members who you have been trying to interest in the Shirley heritage.
Your help will be apreciated!!!

Writ of Summons in the Case of Shubel Starnes vs. John Shirley.....

LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

To John, Aaron, Beverly, Lydia, Jane, Easter, Polly, Sarah, Hulda and Edy -- legal heirs and legal representatives of Rebecca Shirley who died Intestate.

Greeting: You are hereby required to appear at the Court of Ordinary to be holden at Laurens Court House for said District on the 6th day of June 1825 to show cause, if any of you can, why the the real estate of Rebecca Shirley deceased containing ninety-six acres more or less, situate in the District and State aforesaid being part of a four hundred grant to Richard Shirley bounded by land of Jacob Newanger, Beverly Shirley and Shubel Starnes, should not be divided or sold attaining the same in equal proportion to the said John Shirley, Aaron Shirley, Beverly Shirley, Lydia Shirley, Jane Shirley, Elizabeth Shirley, Easter Shirley, Polly married to Graham Elmore, Sarah married to William Mc Pherson, Rebecca married to Elijah Elmore, Hulda married to George Elmore and Edy Wright, widow.

Given under my hand and seal the 2nd day of May 1825.

David Anderson
Ordinary, Laurens District

Appeared in .....

THE BOWDON BULLETIN
Friday, November 21, 1913

GRANDMA SHIRLEY, CENTENARIAN

Mrs. Annie E. Shirley celebrated her 100th birthday last Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.B. Woodward, five miles west of Bowdon, and just over the line in Alabama.

Mrs. Shirley demonstrated her spinning abilities on an old fashioned spinning wheel which had been in the family 150 years. She is yet quite active and can get about as well as most women about the age of sixty.

Something over a year ago, Mrs. Shirley was taken real sick, and it was remarked by someone sitting up with her, that they wondered if she would live to be a hundred years old, and she spoke up and said yes, she wasn't ready to give up yet.

She was formerly Annie Elizabeth Milton, born in Darlington District, South Carolina on Nov 15, 1813, and married at the age of twenty-five. Her husband died in 1847, but to them were born three children, two sons and one daughter.

The two sons, John and Robert Shirley, served in the Civil War, being killed in the battles around Richmond. Judge Thomson, who knew them during the war, speaks of them as gallant soldiers and were a credit to the Southern cause.

Sent by....Catherine Poteat, desc. of John and Rebecca Shirley of Laurens Co. SC.

Bowdon is in Carroll County Georgia.

A Reproduction of One of the
Rare Glass Treatments of the 19th Century
Handmade in the Fine Fenton Tradition

Burmese was the name given this lovely glass treatment in 1885 by its creator Frederick Shirley, of the Mt. Washington Glass Company in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Produced only for a very limited number of years, legend states that the name was provided by Queen Victoria who, upon receipt of a gift of this glass, was said to have exclaimed that the rich tones of blushing pink reminded her of a Burmese sunset.

Queen Victoria was so delighted with Burmese glass that she ordered several additional items which, in turn, influenced Thomas Webb & Sons, a famous English glassmaker, to purchase a license to produce the treatment in England. These pieces are known as Queen's Burmese. Both the original Burmese and Queen's Burmese are among the rarest and most prized pieces collected by glass connoisseurs.

Enamored with the soft translucent beauty of Burmese, Fenton Glass chemist Charles W. Goe experimented with innumerable formula variations over a period of many years until he found just the right formula to faithfully reproduce the delicate blushing loveliness of the original Burmese treatment.

Fenton is extraordinarily proud to offer once again to the American public Burmese Glass; one of the finest examples of America's wonderful heritage in hand glass craftsmanship.

Fenton
THE FENTON ART GLASS COMPANY
WILLIAMSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA 26187

THE ALMSHOUSE

Among the old houses worthy of mention is that of James Shirley, Sr., who was granted additional lot No. 13 in the year 1730. He was a native of Ireland, but of Scotch origin, and came to America with a large family, only three of his sons, however, came to Chester with him. They were John, Capt. James and Thomas. Shortly after they took up the grant, they built a two and one-half story house of 12 rooms and a large barn. James Shirley, Sr., passed away in 1754 at the age of 105.

The property remained in the Shirley family until 1822, when the town purchased it for use as an Almshouse. The price paid for the farm including the stock, tools, furniture, etc., being $3,426.39. After this transaction the homestead of the Shirleys became a haven of refuge for the poor, the infirm and the mildly insane. Numerous pathetic, weird and humorous anecdotes are to the present time told of those poor unfortunates. The town made many repairs and added several rooms, making a total of eighteen and a sheep barn and carriage house were also added.

The paupers were cared for by overseers, who were engaged by the Selectmen for a term of one year. Many of them served for several terms and lived on the place with their families.

About 1869 "Town Settlements," as such places were called, were abolished and the "Poor Farm" was sold at auction and in time became the home of Samuel Morse, who for many years carried on extensive farming and lumbering operations. One day Mr. Morse, repairing clapboards on the house, found beneath them a mute testimonial of the hazards braved by James Shirley and his three stalwart sons, in the form of an Indian tomahawk. Whether these sturdy men took Indian attacks as a matter of course, or whether the tomahawk came to be there by some absent-minded, but harmless cause is a matter of speculation, for tradition has handed down no stories of Indian attacks upon this house.

About 1884 tthe house was purchased by Clark B. Hall, who combined it with the Hall estate, which it adjoined. When Mr. Hall's home in Hall's Village was destroyed by fire in 1883, he bought property in Manchester and moved there with his family, but retained his property in Chester and for many years used the old "Poor Farm" as a summer home. It is at present the residence of his son, Wm. C. Hall, who has done much to reclaim its simple colonial architecture. Much of the original building is still in a state of perfect preservation, and one feature that has been much admired by many people, is the heavy hewn beams that are exposed in one of the principal rooms.

From: HISTORY OF CHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE

Submitted by: BERNICE HOOK

See July 1979 page 10

SHIRLEY NEWS

from your editor...

SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWS. WITH WORKING ON THE CASSETTE AUDIO TAPE PRODUCTION, THE BROCHURE AND FINALIZING THE ENGLAND TRIP DETAILS, I FELL BEHIND. IT ALSO WAS A COLD DEC. FOR US AND MY HEATER WAS BROKEN IN MY OFFICE. IT IS NOW REPAIRED AND FEELS GOOD!!

Mr. J. C. Shirley Dies at His Home After Lingering Illness

(JOSHUA C. SHIRLEY 1856-1927, Lavonia, Franklin Co. Ga.)

Mr. Joshua Cornelius Shirey died at his home last Friday April 30th at 2 o'clock after being confined to his home for several weeks. Mr. Shirley was born Sept., 30, 1856. he married Katherine Black Jan., 21, 1879. There were seven children born to this union. three of them being at his bedside when he passed away:—Ernest, from Washington, D. C., Arthur, from Miami Fla., Mrs. Charlie Nelms, of Hartwell, Guy a son in Texas could not be with him; Mrs. John Burton, was sick at her home in Anderson, S. C. and could not be at her father's bedside. Two children, Mrs. Annie Lizzie Holbrook and little Beulah Shirley preceded him to the grave several years ago.

He was one of the most prominent citizens of Lavonia, he was a man of sterling worth, with his high conception of the things that elevate the morals of a community and always advocated his ideas along the line of right thinking, right living and trying to impress upon those with whom he came in contact, the truth he believed in so much and advocated so strongly. He joined the Baptist church at Shoal Creek in 1883, later moving his membership to the Lavonia Baptist Church and taught the young men's class. He often stood in church and expressed his love to his fine class of young men; he loved the work; he loved men and lived a christian life before these boys. He prayed that they might be led by the holy spirit; he studied the Bible day after day and prepared his Sunday School lessons and did his best to lead men to Christ.

He was a good man. I have never heard him speak a harm word of any one. He would always say "There's some good in the worst of us." I have heard him say so many times: "It makes me happy to think there's a place of rest for christian people." He expressed his wishes a week before going that he wanted to go home and he would look up as if he could see Heaven and say: "I want to go home." We hated to give this good man up and yet we know he is at rest. He was a kind father and a good husband. He had a happy home. he loved his wife dearly, but he had expressed his wishes to go home first: he said his wife could bear it better than he could;—that he couldn't bear the thoughts of being left alone . He knew his time was short when he had to go to bed and said to his wife: "Put my clothes away—I will not ever need them again," and when we tried to give him medicine he would say "I don't want it, it's not going to do any good. I won't be here long." We wish we had more men like him. We speak for all the people in our town in expressing the sorrow which comes to us as this christian man is taken from our fellowship. May his devoted wife and children be comforted in the assurance that he awaits them on the other shore, and as we sorrow that he is no more with us in the flesh let us be enheartened to our very best efforts and take up the torch and carry on the blessed work of our Lord and Savior.

The funeral took place at 11 o'clock, Saturday morning, May 1, at the Lavonia Baptist church, Rev. Geo. C. Steed, his pastor, conducting the servees in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

Mr Shirley is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherin Black Shirley, and five children—Ernest, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John P. Burton, of Anderson, S. C.; Arthur, of Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Charlie Nelms, Hartwell; Guy of Bernard, Texas; a large number of grandchildren and great-grand-children.

Weldon and Thomas, funeral directors of Lavonia, were in charge.

—His neighbor, Mrs. L. E. Fisher.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their numerous expressions of love and sympathy in the passing of our dear husband and father, Mr. J. C. Shirley. We thank every one for the beautiful floral offerings. Especially do we thank Dr. Cornog and Dr. Stewart Brown.

Mrs. J. C. Shirley, and Children.

Joshua was the son of Bottom Ben Shirley who was the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Hughes Shirley.

Clipping sent by:
Jean Conselyea

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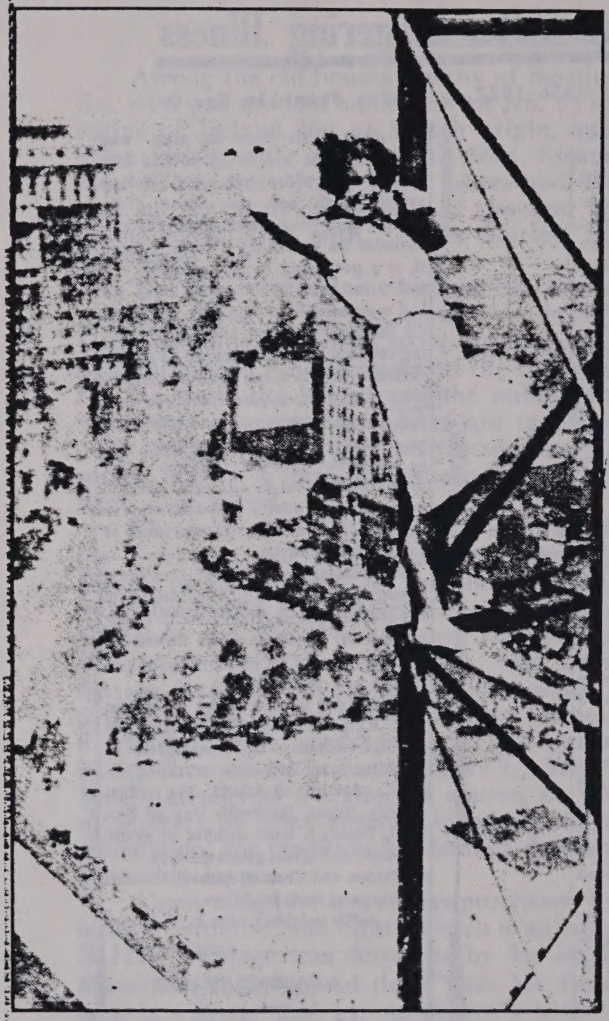


News-Press file photo

Standing on scaffolding hundreds of feet above the ground was one of the many stunts Vivian Hinternhoff pulled as a reporter for a Philadelphia newspaper.

Ex-stuntwoman Hinternhoff, 89, dies at Beach

By TOM BUTLER
News-Press Staff Writer

Vivian Hinternhoff, who climbed skyscrapers, wrecked houses and drove almost any kind of strange vehicle as a reporter for the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, died Friday in her home at 240 Dakota St., Fort Myers Beach.

HINTERNHOFF

Hinternhoff, who was 89, was one of the "stunt reporters" of the 1920s. Stunt reporters were newspaper writers who would try anything to write an adventuresome account. As Vivian Shirley of the Ledger, Hinternhoff became famous for such stunts as climbing skyscrapers and diving to the bottom of the Delaware River.

Fort Myers Beach resident Ginni Brown, one of Hinternhoff's two daughters, said Hinternhoff had a zest for adventure that kept her from being afraid while she went on such adventures as climbing the steelwork on the Drake House, a Philadelphia skyscraper.

"Somebody asked her afterward if she was frightened and she said 'I didn't have my glasses, I couldn't see six inches.' That was mother," Brown said.

Memorial services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday at St. Rafael's Episcopal Church at 5601 Williams Drive, Fort Myers Beach. Brown asked that, instead of flowers, people contribute to either the Fort Myers Beach Rescue Squad or St. Rafael's.

Hinternhoff was born March 3, 1898 in Lynchburg, Va. Her stunts for the Ledger were tamed in 1932 when government officials told the paper's management that her stunts were endangering the paper's insurance. She left the paper in 1933, wrote freelance articles and worked for the federal government.

Hinternhoff first visited Fort Myers in 1937 and bought a house in Fort Myers Beach in 1947. Until 1982 she wrote for the Beach Bulletin.

Hinternhoff also wrote a still-unpublished novel titled "Death on the Island" about a Florida beach resident who commits murder with the help of a school of piranha.

She is survived by two daughters, Brown and Betzi Abram of Fort Myers Beach, and a stepdaughter, Mary Hinternhoff Sugioka of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Newspaper clipping sent by:

ALAN LAMB

It would be interesting to learn why she chose the name of Vivian SHIRLEY. Anyone out there want to make contact with her children or...and let us know?

MEMBERSHIP TO THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION remains at $15 per year.

Thank you for your continued support!!!

SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION
10256 Glencoe Drive
Cupertino, Ca. 95014
(408) 255-8511

This check to the rush of speculation and the progress of settlement and improvement, continued until 1766. In that year and the one succeeding it, a great many applications were made, warrants issued and surveys returned. By the close of 1767, all the good lands in the valleys and river bottoms had been taken up.

It was in the latter year that the town of Huntingdon was laid out. Its founder was William Smith, D.D., an Episcopal clergyman, and a gentleman of learning and ability. While Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, to which position he was elected in 1755, he made a trip to England for the purpose of soliciting funds in aid of that institution, and received a liberal donation from the Countess of Huntingdon, in honor of whom he named the town. It is proper that we should know something of the life and character of this estimable lady.

Selina Shirley was born August 24th, 1707. She and her two sisters, one of whom was older and the other younger than herself, were the daughters and heiresses of Washington Shirley, second Earl of Ferrars. At the age of twenty-one she married Theophilus Hastings, ninth Earl of Huntingdon, a nobleman distinguished for his piety, from whom she took the title by which she is known in history. The deaths of four of her children at early ages, and of her husband in 1746, made a deep impression upon her mind and intensified her religious predilections. She adopted the doctrines of and attached herself to the Calvinistic Methodists, of whom George Whitefield, who, with Wesley, was effecting a great revival, was the founder and leader. She was so zealous in advancing the principles she had espoused, and her wealth enabled her to exert such a vast influence, that a branch of Whitefield's followers became known as "The Countess of Huntingdon's Connection." She made that eminent preacher one of her chaplains, and he, in return, appointed her by will, sole proprietrix of his possessions in the province of Georgia, America, where she organized a mission. In her own country she built chapels, maintained ministers, and, for the education of the latter, and with the assistance of other persons of opulence, many of whom were members of her own family, established a college at Trevacca, in South Wales. For the support of this institution she made liberal contributions during her lifetime, and at her death created a trust. She provided in like manner for her chapels. The college was removed after her demise, to Cheshunt, in Herts, where it still exists. She also donated large sums to young itinerant preachers, and to private charity. Her death occurred June 17, 1791. The number of her chapels was then sixty-four. She bequeathed them to four persons, in trust for their care and management. They have increased in number until there are now nearly twice as many as when she died.

SHENANDOAH & PAGE CO. VIRGINIA

EMMA SHIRLEY of Shenandoah Co. Va. married John A. Brumback (born Jan. 21, 1850).

They lived in Page Co. Virginia.

Children:

1. Harry Brumback, lived New Orleans.
2. Homer Brumback
3. Virgil Brumback
4. Mary Brumback
5. Carl Brumback

From book...
BRUMBACH FAMILIES

"Among those who were settlers" (of Houston Twp. formed in 1842, then part of Woodberry Twp. Bedford Co. Pa.) "prior to the beginning of the Revolution were Jacob and Conrad Brumbaugh, William and John Shirley and.....

submitted by: Alice Powers

OF FRANKLIN COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

ROBERT SHIRLEY

Born 1735, probably in Penna., mar. Susan Baker, b. 1742. He served in the Rev. War, and in 1792, came from the Conococheague Valley, and settled on Black-leg creek, near Sattsburg. He died 1834, aged 99 years, his wife Susan dying in 1843, at 101 years. They had issue John; Robert; Thomas; Jane; Joseph; Ann. Several of the sons lived to a great age. Under the 1790 Census for Franklin Co., Penna. the family of Robert Sherley shows 1 man, 4 boys, 3 females.
Caldwell's Hist. Indiana Co., Penna. p. 436.

THOMAS SHIRLEY

Served under Capt. Samuel Patton 1780-81-82. He is also shown as Sergt., in Penna. Militia, aged 84 years in 1834. John Irwin of Hamilton Twp., sold a tract of 63 acres to Thos. Shirley, and in 1775, he obtained a warrant for it, which he conveyed to John Deeds. In 1796 Thos. Shirley appears as a taxable in Peters Twp., a mason, and Robert Shirley is also shown. In 1803, a letter was addressed to Thos. Shirley at Chambersburg.
Penna. Arch. 3rd Ser. Vol. 13, p. 530. 5th Ser. Vol. 6, p. 278, 287, 312.

FRANKLIN COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

SHIRLEY — DEED'S MILL

The writer uncovered a shred of tradition concerning a mill in the present J. C. Reed meadow where the Old Loudon Road crosses Dennis Creek.

Mr. Russell Hill added enough information to lend substance to this clue. There was a mill in this meadow and part of the old mill pond was discernable in the meadow. There was once another small bridge across the road between the main bridge and the house. This bridge crossed the tail race. This tail race rejoined Dennis Creek in the meadow below the bridge near where a tree stood a few years ago.

This land was probably first John Brigham land of 1748 or earlier. The warrant date is 1762. John Irwin bought this land from Brigham and moved here in 1760 or 1762. (Records of this land may be seen in Deed Book 1, page 539. Irwin land was the Chestnut or Frank Dice, Paul McCleary land.)

John Irwin sold 63 acres to Thomas Shirley in 1775. Shirley sold to John Deeds and Deeds sold to George Cryder in 1794. Tax records show that John Deeds was being taxed on a grist mill in 1791 and George Cryder is credited with a grist mill in 1807.

The writer is not certain whether Shirley or Deeds built the mill. Shirley lived here as late as 1786 or later and Deeds owned it in 1791. Dates indicate that Shirley may have built it.

How long the Criders operated the mill after 1807 is debatable since the writer has found no evidence of Christian Crider running the mill

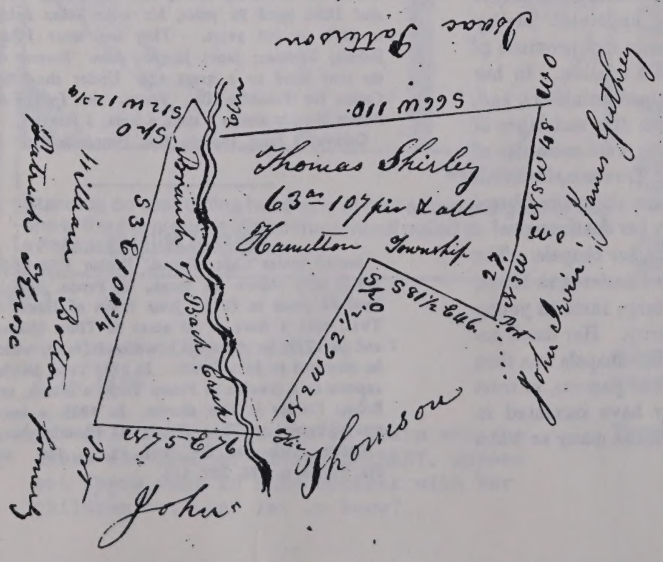
SHIRLEY. Thomas Shirley (1750-1834) bought 63 acres from John Irwin in 1775. He sold to John Deeds and Deeds sold to George Cryder in 1794. Thomas Shirley on the 1782 and 1786 tax lists of Hamilton. He was probably living in Peters Township in 1796. Franklin

Thomas Shirley was a Sergeant in the Pennsylvania Militia. He served in 1780-1781 and 1782 under Captain Samuel Patton.

The Shirley-Deeds land was on Dennis Creek and the Loudon Road.

There was a grist mill here (J. C. Reed farm). Thomas Shirley may have built this mill.

DEEDS. John Deeds bought from Thomas Shirley. Shirley received a warrant for this land in 1775. It was part of the earlier John Irwin, David Brigham land which was taken up prior to 1748. Deeds sold to George Cryder in 1794.



THOMAS SHIRLEYS Warrant of Feb. 14, 1775

In Phillips Co. Arkansas... George Shirley can be found and his records say he was born in Franklin Co. Pa. in 1797. He was in the War of 1812.

Joseph Shirle b. ca. 1743
m. Barbara Kaufman Mar. 2, 1761

Children

1. Elizabeth Shirle b. 1762
   m. John Long
2. John Shirle m. Betty Betzner
3. Barbara Shirle m. Jacob Hauser
4. Casper Shirle
5. Frederick Shirle
6. Christ Shirle m. Anna Lehma
7. Joseph Shirle m. Betty Betzner
8. Abe Shirle m. Christina Boroma
9. Jobe Shirle m. Sophia Palmer
10 Peter Shirle m. Catherine Crawl
11 Magalena Shirle m. George Seller

[THIS FAMILY in FRANKLIN CO. PA]

WESTMORELAND CO. PENNSYLVANIA

JOSEPH SHIRLEY was born 1815 and was a farmer of means and influence. He married Sarah Jane Stout.

Children

1. Hilrey
2. Labinna
3. Catharine m. William Williams
4. Amanda m. Mr. Fredrick
5. Sherman
6. Anna J. m. David Campbell
7. William C.
8. Lizzie

William C. Shirley was born in 1871 near Greensburg, and was educated in his native place. His early life was spent in agricultural pursuits, but for the last ten years he has been successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber. His mill is operated by steam and is of twenty-horse power. When it running at full capacity he employs ten men. In 1897 he moved to Hillville and purchased his present residence. Mr. Shirley married Bertha Obourn in 1893 and they are the parents of one child, Ondiene.

THOMAS ELGIN SHIRLEY, educator, who resides on the homestead farm in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Brushvalley township, this county, Dec. 26, 1857, son of David and Eliza (Douthitt) Shirley.

Robert Shirley, the founder of the family in Indiana county, was born in eastern Pennsylvania in 1735, and was married there to Susan Baker, who was of German descent and was born in 1742. Robert Shirley served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1792 he came to Indiana county, from the Conococheague valley, and located in Conemaugh township, on Blacklegs creek, about two miles from Saltsburg. He became a farmer, and lived in that section until he was ninety-nine years of age, dying in 1834. His widow survived to be 101 years of age, her death occurring in 1843, and their eldest son, John, lived to the age of 103, all of the six children attaining old age. They were: John, who married Elizabeth Taiser; Robert; Thomas; Jane, who married a Mr. Mullen, and moved to the West; Joseph, who married Catherine Fulmer; and Ann, who married William Bash.

Thomas Shirley, son of Robert, was born during the Revolutionary war, in 1776, and was a young man when he accompanied his parents to Conemaugh township, where he subsequently followed agricultural life until he retired. He died in 1875, at the age of ninety-nine years. He married Mary Miller, who was born in 1787, and died in 1875, at the age of eighty-seven years. Their children were as follows: Margaret, born in 1809, was married to John Lampkin and (second) a Mr. Altman; Barbara, born in 1811, married Jacob Long; Robert, born in 1813, married Eliza Kelly; Christopher, born in 1815, is mentioned below; Susan, born in 1818, married Ezekiel Gray; John, born in 1821, married Ella Rosborough, as his first wife, his second being a widow named Marshall; Thomas, born in 1825, married Ellen Fairman; and Mathias, born in 1829, married Rachel Longwell.

NOTE: The Shirleys of Indiana, Westmoreland and Armstrong Co. Pa. are of the same branch.... Robert Shirley and Susan Baker.

Christopher Shirley, son of Thomas, was born in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, in 1815, and passed a quiet, busy life on his farm there, where he died in 1900. He married Mary Douthett, and they had seven children, namely: Thomas, who lives at Ontario, San Bernardino Co., Cal.; James P., who lives at Connellsville, Pa.; George, who resides at Clarksburg, Pa.; Anna, who lives at Collinsville, Pa.; Martha, who married Elgin Rhea; Margaret, who married John Walton; and David.

David Shirley, son of Christopher, was born Dec. 20, 1856, in Conemaugh township, and was reared and educated there. He followed farming and also lumbering, in different sections of Indiana county, being a farmer in Conemaugh, Washington and Brushvalley townships prior to moving to Center township, where he bought seventy-seven acres of land, known as the C. A. Smith farm, and there he is still interested in farming and stock raising. He was married Oct. 4, 1883, to Eliza Douthitt, daughter of Samuel Douthitt, of Homer City, Indiana Co., Pa., and they have the following children: Orville Earl, who taught school for some time in Indiana county, and is now a clerk in the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C.; Roy Walton, who resides in southern California; Thomas Elgin; Effie Ann, who is engaged in the millinery business at Oil City, Pa.; and Mary Olive, David Blair and Emma Belle, all of whom reside at home. David Shirley and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church. He is one of the representative citizens of Center township, one whose influence is beneficial in all directions, and as such he is hearty in the support he gives to the Prohibition party.

Thomas Elgin Shirley, third son of David Shirley, attended the public schools in White and Center townships and later studied at the State normal school at Indiana, Pa. After thus thoroughly preparing for his chosen profession he began to teach school, in 1907 becoming the teacher of District No. 10 school, in Center township, and proved so satisfactory that he was retained during 1908. In 1909 he became the teacher at Brush Hollow, and then accepted the position of principal of the Risinger school, at North Homer, where he has been located since 1910. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

ARMSTRONG CO. PA. SHIRLEYS cont...

JOHN TRUBY SHIRLEY, of Freeport, Armstrong county, a resident of that borough since 1894, is engaged in business in Pittsburgh as a broker, being a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange. Mr. Shirley is of old Pennsylvania stock. His maternal grandfather, Christofer Iman, lived at Elders Ridge, Indiana county, where he was engaged at farming. He was one of the progressive men of his time, especially interested in the question of public education.

John R. Shirley, father of John T. Shirley, conducted the "Shirley House" at Freeport for some time. He married Rachel Iman.

John T. Shirley was born in Armstrong county, Pa., near Bradys Bend, and the family removing later to Butler he received his education at that place. When about fourteen years old he entered the Union army for service in the Civil war, joining Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Captain Jack of Butler and Colonel Sirwell of Kittanning. He served three years and two months, at the end of that period going home to Butler, where he clerked in a store for some time. Later he was at Freeport, following the hotel business with his father in the conduct of the "Shirley House" until Oct. 19, 1869, when he married, and moved to Parker, this county. He had a hardware store at that place, and was engaged in the oil business during the great excitement, opening a hardware store at Karns City, Butler county. In 1878 he went to Bradford, Pa., for two years, during which time he was engaged as an oil producer. Thence he went to Warren, Pa., where he was engaged in the same line for fifteen years, in 1894 coming to Freeport, as previously stated. He has since followed the brokerage business, having headquarters at Pittsburgh.

On Oct. 19, 1869, Mr. Shirley married Martha A. Moorhead, and they have had four children, all of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Shirley was born at Freeport, in the house where she now resides, daughter of William Moorhead, and granddaughter of David Moorhead.

The Next . . .
National Shirley Convention
June 24th & 25th 1989
Holiday Inn
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

YORK COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

1810 Census

George - b. before 1765
Stephen b. before 1765

1820 Census

Widow Shirley
James Shirley

Family tradition in one branch of the Shirleys state... In 1731, three brothers came from England to Mass. This was stated in an old family Bible of Alice Powers great Aunt. The brothers were, William, John and Peter. There is a gap of a generation or two and a Shirley who was married to a Miss. 'Youngblood' were the parents of ...

1. John Shirley b. 1788 Pa.
   m. Christine Youst
2. Peter Shirley b. 1792 Pa.
   m. Elizabeth Zeilor in 1823 in Frederick Co. Va.
3. Mary m. Adam Stinebaude

Alice Powers has just learned that her great great grandfather, Peter b. 1792, married 2nd, Barthania Ambrose and on the marriage certificate.....his parents were listed as John and Mary Shirley of York Co. Pa.

The letter in which the material is found about this family of Shirleys can be found in the Jan. 1979 issue of the SHIRLEY NEWS on page 9, 10 & 11. This letter was found in the old Bible.

In the letter it states that someway in Pa. we became mixed up with the Dutch and traces of German blood still flow in our veins.

In 1822, grandfather Shirley and his wife came from the vicinity of York Pa. to Va. They bought a large amount of land near Siler, Va. ...known as Timber Ridge District, about 4 miles from Berkeley Springs, Morgan Co. ... then, Virginia. ...statement contained in old letter.

NOTE: This could very easily be the explanation why the statement is made now and again about some of the Shirleys being GERMAN. They could have German Grandmothers or mothers, etc.

STAUNTON HAROLD HALL

The first house at Staunton was built by Sir William de Staunton in 1324 and became the home of the Shirley family in 1423 when Sir Ralph Shirley married Margaret de Staunton. The present Palladian-style Hall was built in the 18th century by Washington Shirley, the 5th Earl Ferrers.

The Shirleys of Staunton

In 1611 George Shirley, a staunch Roman Catholic, was created a baronet by James I. His grandson, Sir Robert Shirley, was a defiant Royalist during the Civil War and built the beautiful church in the grounds as a mark of his defiance. The building of the church and Cromwell's suspicion that Sir Robert had participated in several plots for the restoration of the Monarchy, led to his being imprisoned in the Tower of London – where he eventually died aged only 28.

The 10th Earl (whose portrait hangs above the dining room mantlepiece) was the last of his line to keep up a full household at Staunton. After his death in 1912, reducing income and death duties took their toll on the Shirley family, as they did on so many others.

The Sale

During the Second World War the Hall was requisitioned by the Army for troops, and later for Italian prisoners of war. It was handed back in such a state of disrepair that the Ferrers family were unable to re-occupy it and, in the absence of adequate compensation, they decided to sell. On the eve of the auction, 11 October 1954, the 12th Earl died – it is said by some of a broken heart. Shortly after the sale, the purchaser announced his plans; the Hall was to be demolished. A Preservation Order gave a six months stay of execution, but no use could be found for the Hall until, with five weeks to spare, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire made an offer to purchase it, for use as a Cheshire Home for disabled people.

The Purchase

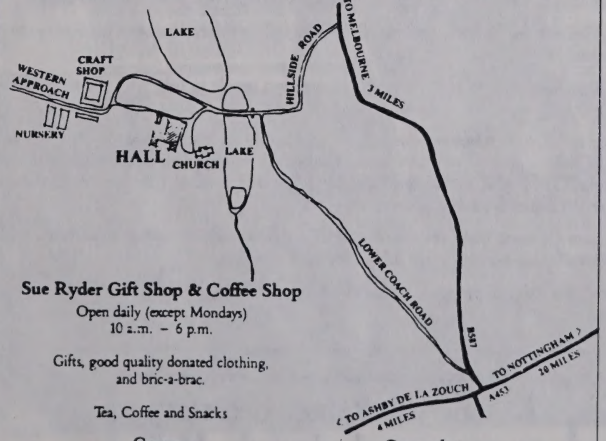
Leonard Cheshire had no idea where he was to find the purchase money, let alone how to effect the repair which it was estimated would cost £110,000 – a huge sum in those days. But the deciding factor was the love of the local people for Staunton an important factor in todays' project, and an army of volunteers descended on the Hall, among them Sue Ryder, who from time to time brought over groups of Polish helpers. Within two months the first disabled resident was admitted, by 1964 the Hall, though far from fully restored, housed its full complement of 40 disabled people who for the next 21 years were to lead happy and fulfilled lives there. But changing times brought changing needs.

The Hall Today

In 1981 the Leonard Cheshire Foundation decided that a specially planned single-storey building was the only way forward, and for the second time the support groups set about the task of starting a new Home. Four years later the residents and staff moved to their beautiful new building at Netherseal, 15 miles away.

For some years Leonard Cheshire and his wife, Lady Ryder, had been thinking about establishing a Centre in Britain for their joint organisation, the Ryder-Cheshire Mission. Staunton with its central location, sound and spacious structure together with its beautiful environs, seemed an ideal place and as a result of a supporter's most generous gift the Mission was able to acquire it from the Leonard Cheshire Foundation for this new project. A new phase in the history had begun.

How to get to Staunton Harold Hall



Sue Ryder Gift Shop & Coffee Shop

Open daily (except Mondays)
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Gifts, good quality donated clothing, and bric-a-brac.

Tea, Coffee and Snacks

Groups

Welcome, but by prior appointment if possible please.

Grounds

Vistors welcome at any time.

Staunton Harold Hall Appeal

What is the Ryder-Cheshire Mission?

The Ryder-Cheshire Mission is a registered charity founded by Group Captain Leonard Cheshire and Lady Ryder of Warsaw at the time of their marriage in 1959 and in a response to an urgent need for help for which no other solution could be found.

The purpose of the Mission is primarily to relieve suffering of handicapped and destitute people without regard to race, age or religion. The Mission supports the work of the Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder Foundations by undertaking projects for which there is a clear need but which do not fall within the direct scope of either Foundation.

The latest of these projects, at Staunton Harold Hall in Leicestershire, has been described as one of the most imaginative, comprehensive and cost effective ventures ever embarked on, using a Grade I listed building for the relief of suffering both at home and abroad. THE RYDER-CHESHIRE FLAGSHIP!

Who are Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder?

Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, OM, DSO, DFC, a retired bomber pilot and one of Britain's most celebrated war heroes, is the founder of the internationally known Cheshire Homes for the Disabled. In 1948, Leonard Cheshire heard that a man he knew was dying and had nowhere to go following his discharge from hospital. Unable to find a place that would accept the man, Cheshire took him into his own home and nursed him until he died. Others soon followed.

Out of his experience, and a deep concern for all people in need, came the concept of the Leonard Cheshire Home. Today there are more than 265 Homes in 45 countries and the number steadily increases.

Baroness Ryder of Warsaw, CMG, OBE, was a member of the highly secret Special Operations Executive during the second World War. This experience launched her, immediately after the war was won, into relief work among the millions of sick, homeless and destitute people all over Europe.

Later, her concern for those in need took her to other parts of the world. The Sue Ryder Foundation is her living memorial to the victims and opponents of tyranny and it has many Homes for the disabled, and domiciliary teams, in Britain, Europe and parts of the Third World, where mobile clinics are a feature of the Foundation's work. Lady Ryder has never kept a formal record of the number of adults and children she has worked for and with, but she estimates that 365,000 of more than fifty nationalities would be a minimum figure.

What is the Staunton Harold Project?

In 1985, Staunton Harold Hall – a building of historic interest – was acquired by the Mission as a result of a supporter's most generous gift. After extensive repair and sympathetic renovation a variety of positive and new uses, relating to the relief of suffering, will be embarked upon.

★ Sue Ryder Continuing Care Home for up to 30 patients suffering from malignant and other diseases.

★ Ryder–Cheshire Headquarters for both their overseas projects and the volunteer scheme to improve the quality of life for housebound people at home.

★ Ryder-Cheshire Training Centre to select, prepare and send out people to help with the relief of suffering worldwide.

★ Exhibition Centre to heighten public awareness of the need to help the Third World to become economically independent and to indicate practical ways in which the individual person can become involved in this difficult task. This will include a display of the work of the Sue Ryder and Leonard Cheshire Foundations which together have over 350 homes in some 50 countries.

★ Archive and Resource Centre to house the records of the Cheshire Foundation and to make these available for research purposes by all those working in the field of the relief of suffering.

★ Sue Ryder Gift & Coffee Shop to provide support towards the continuing operational costs at Staunton Harold.

To raise the money necessary to restore and adapt the Hall for the relief of suffering at home and abroad.

A.D. 1066

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HOME of JAMES NORMAN SHIRLEY in DESOTA, CLARK CO. MISSISSIPPI

Photo sent by: George N. Shirley
James Norman Shirley born 1858.

See story & family info in July '80 Shirley [illegible], page 6 & 7.

The following material is about Shirley families found in Augusta County in the 1700's and very early 1800's and research data found for this period of time.

SHIRLEYS FOUND IN AUGUSTA CO. 1742-1800

William	Jacob
Richard	Patrick
Adam	Henry
Valentine	Nicholas
Felty	Jonathon
Michael	John
Christian	

MARRIAGES FOUND IN AUGUSTA CO. EARLY

Elizabeth m. Samuel Parson Dec 26, 1787

Mary m. James Gardner July 29, 1788

Barbara m. Samuel Baker Sept 4, 1791

Frances m. James Runkle May 26, 1796

Jonathon m. Nancy Reif Apr 14, 1801

Balser m. Catherine Peters Apr 26, 1808

Anne m. Thomas Sewell Oct 6, 1814

Daniel m. Elizabeth Funkhouser Oct 13, 1824

1800 TAX LIST OF AUGUSTA CO. VIRGINIA

Valentine	2 males	over 21	5 horses
John	1 male	over 21	2 horses
Henry	1 male	over 21	0
Jonathon	1 male	over 21	0

1801 Personal Property tax, 1st Dist. page 23...lists:

JONATHON SHIRLEY
BALSER SHIRLEY

(were listed with brackets together)

From researcher...notes:
Until 1755, when the Fairfax county line was moved to where it still is today, (boundary between Rockingham and Shenandoah counties) the Augusta County line extended up to where Woodstock is in Shenandoah County.

The only reference to Nicholas Shirley is what can be found in Chalkley.

Felty is the nickname of Valentine, and is usually associated with German background. Valentine Shirley did marry a Baer who was of German background through both the Baer and Adam Miller.

VALENTINE b. mid 1700's in Pennsylvania, as known from the 1880 census when his daughter Elizabeth recorded her fathers state of birth.

It is not known when Valentine came to Virginia. He married Catherine Baer ca. 1770.

Children

1 Mary Barbara b. 1772
m. Samuel Baker

2 Jacob b. 1774 m. Sarah Cook
3 John b. 1776 m. Ann Scott
4 Henry b. 1779
m. Catherine Wyman
5 Charles b. 1782
m. Sarah Ingledore
6 Adam b. 1786
7 Anna Eliz. b. 1790
m. Andrew Wilson
8 Anna Catherine b. 1792
m. Thomas Sewall

All except John (who went to Tennessesse), were early settlers in Indiana. Charles later went to Illinois and Adam to Miss.

Valentine served as an ensign in the American Revolution and was a prosperous farmer in Augusta and Rockingham Counties in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. He died in 1811 in Virginia.

PETER b. mid 1700's
wife, unknown.

Children

1. Christian b. 1773 Maryland
m. Rosanna Canote in 1796
2. Jonathon b. 1774 Maryland
m. 1st Nancy Reif
2nd Esther Swope
3. Mary "Polly"
4. Balser (A Balser m. Catherine Peters in Augusta Co. Va. in 1808). A Balser appears in 1810 in Grainger Co. Tenn. along with Valentine's son John.

? Frances m. James Runkle 1796 in Augusta Co. Va.

? Jacob

Researchers suggest Peter was probably born in Pennsylvania but was resident in Maryland by 1773 when Christian was born.

He was later recorded as a miller in Washington Co. Maryland in Dec 1785. Later he moved to Augusta Co. Va. where on May 26, 1795 he was ordered to repay 28 pounds he had borrowed in Washington Co. Md. in 1785 plus 5 pounds for damages.

In 1797 a suit was filed by John Canote, Jr., against Peter about the ownership of a bay mare. The depositions in this suit show some of the family of Peter; son Christian who was "lately married to a daughter of John Canote Sr."; son Balser; daughter Mary (Polly) of age. Also deposing were Sally Argenbright and a Henry Harmon (age) who was living at Peter's house (file 458). The report of this suit in Chalkley Vol. 1 p. 412, says that Sally, Henry and Christian were about to remove to Kentucky; The final judgement in the suit was in favor of Peter.

**In 1799 Peter bought land in Madison Co. Ky. (Book D p. 629) which he sold in 1801 to his son Jonathon and wife Nancy, who in turn sold to James Runkle. Peter and his son Christian are recorded in the 1800 census of Madison Co.

Peter is in tax lists of 1806 and 1809 of Jessamine Co. Ky (next to Madison Co.) He appears in a tax list of Harrison Co. Ind. in 1813. His son Christian was also living there.

On Aug. 25, 1841, Jonathon authorized payment to Jacob Shurley of money from a sale of Peter's land.

**Aug. of 1799 Christian bought land from William McGuire and his wife Mary (daughter of Michael Shirley and Katy Franz).

Valentines family can found in the Jan. 1983 NEWS p. 7 & 8. Peter can be found in the NEWS of Oct. 1983 p. 12.

MICHAEL b. ca. 1740 prob. Pa. m. Catherine "Katy" Franz

Michael served in the Revolutionary War 1777-1779. He was stationed at Fort Washington. When he finished his stint at the Fort, they returned to Pennsylvania. From there they migrated to Augusta Co. Va. where he was a surveyor. They moved on to Kentucky about 1780. In 1784, Michael was killed by Indians while surveying in Old Lincoln Co. Ky. (now known as Madison Co.).

In 1800 census, Katy, his widow, is listed in Madison Co. Ky.

Children

1. Mary b. 1762 m. Wm. McGuire
2. Katie, m. 1st Mr. Bullock 2nd John Boofman
3. Lizzie m. Thomas McGuire
4. George m. Betsy Lee
5. Susan m. Mr. Proctor
6. Nancy m. Frank Travis
7. Charles b. 1771 m. Rebecca Collier
8. Sallie m. Phillip Phelps

PATRICK b. ca. 1720 d. ca. 1783 Botetourt Co. Va. He married Anna____.

Patrick served in the Revolutionary War.

By 1744, Patrick was dealing in land with Col. James Pattan. In 1746 he owned 400 acres from a new grant at "Locust Bottom" By 1773 Patrick and Anne 1,389 acres in Botetourt Co. Va.

Patrick established a milling business on the Upper James River in 1746. In 1776 Patrick furnished horses for an expedition against the Cherokees for the Battle of Long Island in the River Holston. In 1783 he furnished thirteen horses and seventeen cattle and one slave.

PATRICK...CONT.

Children

1. Anne b. 1748 Augusta Co. Va.
   m. Adam Woods
2. James b 1750 "" m. Eliz. Poage
3. Nicholas b. 1752 Augusta Co. Va.
   m. Sarah Woods
4. Eliz. b. 1753 Augusta Co. Va.
   m. Adam Peck
5. John b. Augusta Co. Va.
   m. Jane George & Jean Calloway
6. Patrick, Jr. b. 1760 Augusta Co.
   m. Sally Allen & Polly Rhodes

For additional reading on Patrick, please see Shirley NEWS, Oct 1982 page 2.....

Mary Sharley m. Joseph Moore in 1794 in Clark Co. Ky. He was the son of George and Eliz. Moore from Conewego Pennsylvania. George Moore is mentioned in Richard Shirleys estate settlement in Scott Co. Kentucky in 1796, *See Shirley NEWS April 1984 page 12.*

Consent for Mary to marry Joseph Moore was singed by Adam Sharley. There was an Adam mentioned in Augusta Co. Va. between 1742 & 1800. Valentine had a son Adam but would not be of age in 1800 or earlier.

Please review the McGuires written in the January 1983 Shirley NEWS on page 9 and 10. They came from Conewgo Valley of Pennsylvania. This family was connected to the Shirleys of Bedford Co. Pennsylvania and one of these Shirleys, William, came to Scott Co. Ky. in late 1700's and his will is recor ded there in 1805. *Remember the Mcguires are married into the Michael Shirley branch. Was it the same McGuires family???*

FROM YOU EDITOR:

I have tried to give you just enough background on the various Shirley branches that came thru Augusta Co. Virginia so that you may understand some of the research results to be reported in this issue of the NEWS. This will be of some help to our more recent members who do not have all of the back issues of the NEWS. (They are available in book form for $55...40 back issues...

ANOTHER AUGUSTA CO. SHIRLEY FAMILY

An old family Bible belonging to a Shirley family, records the name of Richard Charles Sherley, 1817, Jones Co. Georgia on the front leaf.

This branch of Shirleys were in Augusta Co. Virginia according to their family tradition and records.

Edmund, John, Richard, James and William Sherley were brothers and came to Virginia in the early part of 1700. They settled in Augusta County, Va., became dissatisfied, separated, one going to Kentucky, another to South Carolina. Later James, John, Edmund and William settled in Georgia, in the year 1775.

According to Updike...

William Stubley Shirley, Sr. was born about 1732 Ireland and came to Augusta Co. Va. with brothers Edward, James, John and Richard. They settled in Georgia about 1775, William then had a wife and 5 children. He served as a private in Georgia troops in the Revolution and was granted 250 acres of land at the Ford of McBeans Swamp and 140 acres at Chicasaw Old Path, 200 acres each in the Parish of St. Paul and St. George, in Georgia.

Children

1. Richard C. b. ca. 1755
2. William Stubley, Jr. b. Aug 31, 1757
   m. Eliz. Maxwell Jan 27,1780
   Washington Co. Ga.

(other children not recorded)

Please find some recent research results from Augusta Co. Va. (as sent to me by our researcher we hired some months ago), on the following page. If you study carefully, you can begin to see a tie to some of the families in Ky. etc. and a possible tie to Pennsylvania.

AUGUSTA COUNTY VIRGINIA RESEARCH RESULTS

Aug 19, 1777 Felty Shirley recommended for ensign. (Felty was a nickname for Valentine).

Feb 17, 1778 Valentine was commissioned ensign in the militia.

Aug 18, 1778 Valentine and Jacob Barrier appointed road surveyors.

Nov 16, 1779 Grand jury presentments against Valentine and 43 others for retailing without a license.

Sept 24, 1791 Valentine surety for his daughter, Barbara who married Samuel Baker.

In 1793 Valentine Softley was a petitioner for a road in Rockingham Co. that would pass through his land and other lands including those of Samuel Baker.

June 29, 1793 Slander suit by Gasper Mefford Jr. against Valentine Sherley. Recorded April 1795.

Aug 12, 1793 "Jacob Shearley, infant, by Valentine Sherley, next friend, vs. George Mefford".

Nov 6, 1794 Valentine an appraiser of estate of Jacob Barrier.

April 6, 1794 Valentine Sherley surety for (marriage license of) Henry Spearing, widower, and Jane Price, widow.

Deed Book 39 page 420-429, 1814

Catherine Shirley, widow of Valentine, Jacob Shirley and his wife Sally, Adam, Elizabeth and Anna Shirley, all of Augusta County Virgin ia. George Cook and Nancy his wife, late Nancy Shirley, of Rockingham Co. Va., John Shirley and Ann his wife of Grainger Co. Tennessee, Samuel Baker and Barbara his wife, late Shirley, Henry and Catherine his wife, Charles Shirley and his wife Sally, all of Washington County Indiana Territory.

from...Augusta Historical Bulletin Vol. 15 Spring 1979 #1.

Michael Shirey of Jennings Gap, 87 yrs. old, was a native of Pennsylvania but has been a resident of Augusta Co. Va. upwards of fifty years.

from...researcher

A cemetary record of Michael Shirley in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetary, Churchville, Virginia. This in the immediate area of Augusta Co. Va. where Jonathon Shirley lived. [*Jonathon Shirley was the son of Peter*].

Michael was born May 1755 and died January 1842. (a native of Pennsylvania).

In the list of Loyal Land Company purchasers, Loyal Company vs. French, page 43, Michael Shirley purchased 527 acres. This list does not give location or date, but all Loyal Company land was in southwest Virginia in the area embraced by both Botetourt and Monroe County.

Others buried in St Peters Lutheran Church:

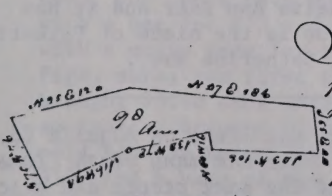
Mary Magdaline Shirley d. Oct 1, 1828 aged 1 yr. 20 mo. 9 days.

Herbert Sthrebody Shirley, son of Andrew Rife Shirley d. June 12, 1832 aged 3 yrs 6 mo 20 days.

Cemetary records of Augusta Co. Va. include Elizabeth Shirley, consort of J____ Shirley, who died Mar 5, 1863 aged 65 yrs 7 mo 29 days. St James Methodist, Churchville, Virginia.

Misc. records: Shirley

Augusta Co. Va. WB 22 page 374 Peter Shirley, Deed of Trust, 1839.
WB 23 page 390 Peter Shirley adm. bond 1841.
Wb24 page 50 Peter Shirley appraisement 1842.
WB page 25 page 193 Peter Shirley, settlement, no heirs mentioned.



Survey'd for Michael Shirley 98 Acres of Land in Augusta County lying between the peaked Mountain & Hanawalds Beginning at two Pines Corner to Mr. Allens Land & running N 16 W 94 Poles to three Pines on a Hill & N 75 W 74 Poles to three Pines Corner to Gullins Grant & N 25 E 120 Poles to a white Oak & thence N 27 E 186 Poles to a long Pine & E 55 E 84 Poles to two Pines & crossing a Draft S 23 W 106 Poles to a Pine & N 60 W 16 Poles to three Pines said Allens Corner & with his Line S 30 W 78 Poles to the Beginning

Thos Lewis Surv

Aff. 19 D. 1770

Will book 23 page 290

Adm. bond of Jonathon Shirley and Henry Rippete in estate of Peter Shirley, dates Jan 25, 1841.
WB 23 page 383 Guardian bond of Jonathon Shirley for Jonathan Shirley, orphan of Peter Shirley, Mar 22, 1841. [*Orphan Jonathon was son of Peter who was the son of Jonathon*].

There are many other items on deeds etc. all relating to the named Shirleys and would be a duplicate of material. I shall refrain at this time from detailing and report only material showing a new connection or name etc.

From... Augusta Historical Bulletin Vol #17 Spring 1981 #1.....

On the 5th instant, near Churchville, Esther Shurley, wife of Jonathan Shurley, aged 65 years, 7 months and 2 days. (March 9, 1853).

from...Staunton Spectator, Jan. 14, 1841
Died on the 6th inst., of a bilous attack, Peter Shurley, of the North mountain, in this county. (AUGUSTA CO.)

Ibid., April 19, 1841
Died on the 18th inst., at the residence of his father, John, son of Jonathon Shirley, in the 30th year of his age... a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

from researcher...notes:
She feels the antecedents of the Shirley family are going to be found in Pennsylvania. Apparently, Peter Shirley stopped in Maryland for awhile. There were commissions from Augusta Co. that were directed to FranklinCounty, Penn. in one of the judgements.

Isaac Scooly appears on an adminstrator's bond and the names on this bond indicate he lived in the area of Augusta Co. that became Bath County in 1791.

The judgments in Chalkley, Vol 1 reguard to Peter, finds the name spelled Shelly, Shally & Shirley in the papers.

There is no will for John Canote, Sr., *Peters' in-laws*...After he purchased the land in 1791 from the Bradshaws, he sold it on March 31, 1802 to Michael Shirey.

There has been several ways the name has been spelled in the records. SHALLY SHELLY SCHALLY ETC. We have in most cases looked at Shirley, Sherley, Shurley, Sharley etc....

[Printed in the Apr. 1979 NEWS].

1751-52 Petition of inhabitants of the north side of the South River of Shenandoah for a road. About 3 years ago it was ordered to open a road from Caleb Jobs plantation down the south side of the said North River to James McCoy's plantation, which road is not suitable, and prepare a location on north side crossing the river at place called the Brush Bottom Ford and along the river by Henry Speer's plantation. Among those who pray for survey are Richard Shirley and Thomas Grubs.

A bill binding Ralph Hughes and Richard Sherley, (both of Augusta Co.) to pay or cause etc., unto Mathias Celzar, etc. March 17, 1750-51. Test, Peter Sholl, Samuel Newman.

Aug. 21, 1767 Surveyors of highways appointed Patrick Shirley and William Watkins from James Montgomery's at Catawho to side of Craig's Creek Mt. where John Potts quit clearing.

March 23, 1769 Felix Gilbert and Michael Shirley appointed surveyors of the road from Jacob Nicholas' to Hance Magots.

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from researcher...

William Shurley listed in Chalkley also lived in that part which ended up in Frederick County until 1772 when it became Shenandoah County.

In the household of Peter Shirley in 1797 when Peter was involved with a law suit, was Sally Argenbright. Valentine Shirleys wife, Ann Baer had a sister who married George Argenbright and they had a daughter Sally. It has been stated this is the same Sally.

Michael Shirley who married Katy Franz had a son George Shirley who was father of Charles David b. 1806 Ky. who was the father of George A.T. Shirley. His wife was Cornelia Ann Baer and it has been stated she is the niece of Valentine and his wife, Catherine Baer.

This concludes the items on Augusta Co. Va. Although there are many other items they are about the same people and misc. records. There doesnot appear to be any other Shirley families but those mentioned unless their name is spelled very differently.

GEORGE SHIRLEY OF AUGUSTA CO. VA.

A story written by Violet Buntain (sent by our researcher)

George Shirley was born Nov. 23, 1816 in Augusta Co. Va. He was the son of Jonathon and Esther Swope Shirley. Jonathon was the son of Peter.

George married first, Susan Hanger and second, Margaret James.

Children

!. Jasper
2. George
3. John
4. Mary F.
5. Jane
6. Jacob
7. Esther
8. Daniel
9. Ellen
10. Bud

by 2nd marriage...
11. Emory b. 1874

George Shirley left Virginia for Indiana in 1856.

He was a blcksmith in his native state but sold most of his belonging when he made the long trek north to the banks of the Wabash nearly a century ago.

He settled in Vermillion County and in 1871 built the homestead where the Buntain family still lives. He continued his smithy career in Indiana and only this year have the last traces of his blacksmith shop gone when Mrs. Buntain planted a garden on the site where his smithy stood.

On Feb. 1, 1865 Mr. Shirley held a public sale at his home in Shenandoah Valley section of Virginia and meticulously noted down the prices brought for his various articles, Still intact in the Spencerian script favored in those days the Shirley accounts contain some extremely interesting bits of historic oddities.

For instance if you had been a Virginia farmer anxious to add to your herd of cows, you could have purchased a cow with a bee for $15 and another cow with a white face for the same amount. Pigs, sure, two first choice pigs brought $3.10 each while two more, not so choice, brought $2.65 each. Shirley sold his bay horse for the big sum of $10. And a bale of hay to feed the horse for $1.00.

Seventy-five cents bought a wheelbarrow while two chisels went for 38 cents. A wooden rake sold for six and a quarter cents while a draw knife was sold for six and a half cents. A hand ax went for 62 and a half cents, a churn sold for 25 cents and a cook stove for $8.87.

Even then men were at a loss to describe some articles around the house and these were tagged as "do-do's" but somehow they (or it) brought 30 cents. A coffee mill and box were worth 49 cents to some housewife while she also bought a meal sifter for eight cents.

One intriguing item in the list was labelled "box and contents" 36 cents. A crock of apple butter was sold for 50 cents; a child's craddle for 12 cents; a clock for $1.47; three pictures, 8 cents, fox trap for 31 cents and a Spanish saddle for 50 cents and smoothing irons for 50 cents.

Shirley, his wife and nine children made the journey safely to Indiana and added two more members to the Shirley clan after they arrived. The only tragic note in the move of this Virginia family to Indiana was when Shirley's father decided to join his son in Hoosierland. He made his way to Indiana but at a fording place in the Wabash only eight miles from his son's home he slipped from the tongue of his wagon, fell into the river and was drowned.

Many descendants of the Shirley family still live in Vermillion County, making up one of the many families of pioneer settlers in this area.

Written in 1972.

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from Abstracts of Northern Neck, Warrents and Surveys 1710-1780...Vol 3 p.5

Dunmore Co. Va. James Crow of Culpeper Co Sept 7, 1770 - Aug 8, 1773: 183 acres between the two heads of Naked Creek, a branch of South River Shanandoah near foot of the Blue Ridge, also near the boundary line in Frederick Co., the same land JAMES SHIRLEY of Culpeper Co. entered in 1769 but did not renew. No CC shown. Surveyer Richard Rigg.

page 77 Culpeper Co. Va. JAMES SHIRLEY/ SHERLEY Nov. 3, 1756 - Nov 14, 1758, 106 acres on Hug's R. Indian Run on North side of a ridge of the Indian Thro'Fare adj. John McKenny/McKenzey (now Jonathon Pratt's) CC James Shierer and Daniel Campbell. Surveyor Richard Young.

Page 78 Culpeper Co. Va. James Shirley, July 7, 1769 - Jan 2 1770; 55 acres waste land between 3 tracts lately belonging to

Philip Roots on drs. of Quaker Run, a branch of Robinson R.; adj. 2 pattons granted William Rush and Benjamin Walker (now Root's), Thomas Phillips (now Root's). CC - Thomas Garret and James Sherley, Jr. Surv. Richard Young.

WOULD THIS NOT LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE THE FATHER OF JAMES SHIRLEY WHO MARRIED JUDITH GARRIOTT WAS JAMES SHIRLEY?

There was an older James living in the same county as James who married Judith Garriott.

In The Pioneer, The Douglas County Kansas Genealogical Society [Quarterly] Volume 1 #4, June 1978 page 121...

W. SHIRLEY b. Ill. Feb. 26, 1828 settled in Douglas Co. Kansas Aug. 1854.

Index to Estates, Vol. 3, Records of the Probate Court of Douglas County at Lawrence, Kansas (Dockets A & B).

June 1, 1859 Isaac Shirley deceased.

info from Gordon Seyffert

Material supplied and used on page 1 of Volume 3 #1 Shirley NEWS...Richard Shirley the elder born in 1713...and the listed John, Richard, James & Thomas was supplied to some of our members from a person now deceased. We can only take the information for face value. We have no records to prove it. Sorry!

SHIRLEY FAMILY HISTORY

A book written by Mildred Shirley of 625 Woodlawn, Abilene, Texas 79603. The book traces the line of Shirleys from Easter Shirley, Hezekiah and his children from Laurens Co. South Carolina to Chambers Co. Alabama. Other lines include: Robinson, Saxon, Tucker, Henderson and Ware. Hardbound 8½"X11", 293 pages, illustrated (copies of documents), indexed...$35.

Your editor has a copy of this book and if you have Shirleys from Laurens Co. S.C., thru John and Rebecca, this book would be of interest to you.

RICHARD SHIRLEY OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA MARRIED MARY GRAHAM

Their daughter...name not known! married Wayman Sinkler/Sinclair/St.Clair Wayman was born ca. 1708-14. His will was written April 12, 1762 Loudoun Co. Va.

CHILDREN

1. *Aleander Sinclair*
2. *Isaac Sinclair m. Letitia _____*
3. *Robert Sinclair m. Ruth_____*
4. *Mary Sinclair*
5. *George Sinclair m. Martha "Patsy"*
6. *Wayman Sinclair m. Mary Watts*
7. *Elizabeth Sinclair m. Henry Priest (?)*

Wayman Sr. married 2nd, Hester Smallwood There were no children.

By the estimated birth years of Wayman's documented children, we can safely assume he married before 1740. In that year, he and his brother, Robert, are listed as tithers in Prince William Co. Va., the site of the homeplace. We do not know the given name of Wayman's wife; only that she was the daughter of Richard and Mary (Graham) Shirley.

It is certain that all of Wayman's children were born on his half of the homeplace in Pr. Wm. C. and apparently he and his wife led an uneventful life as only tax records on the homeplace appear until Nov. 19, 1760. On this date we find a detailed marriage contract recorded in Loudoun Co. Va. which states that Wayman and Hester are to marry and that her estate is to remain hers forever and his is to be held solely for his children.

When Wayman Sr. wrote his will he stated his youngest child was eight years old. His will was proved July 13, 1762.

The court ordered that the Executors of Wayman Sinkler, dec'd deliver the testors children to Mary Shirley their grandmother who engages to maintain and bring them up without any burden to their estate.

Mary Shirley is last listed in the tax records of Loudoun Co. Va. in 1763.

In 1782 the Sinclair brothers appear on the property rent rolls of Bedford Co. Va. Isaac is recorded in Wayne Co. Ky in 1810 and his son Isaac, Jr. is recorded in Breckenridge Co. Ky in 1820 and some of the Sinclair family moved to Putnam Co. Indiana.

DOES ANYONE KNOW THE NAME OF THE SHIRLEY DAUGHTER WHO MARRIED WAYMAN SINCLAIR ???

Taken from: A Family History by Jean Grigsby

MARRIAGE RECORDS AND RELATED NOTES
HAMILTON CO. ILLINOIS 1821-1854

sent by...R. Deon Johnson

John Shirley m. Rosannah Moore
Feb 24, 1824

Elizabeth Shirley m. Alfred Moore
June 12, 1828 (dau of Moses)

Leanna Shirley m. Phillip Adair
Oct 2, 1829 (dau of Nimrod)

Millie Shirley m. Henry Ervin/Irvin
Dec 17, 1828 (dau of Moses)

Sally Shirley m. James R. Scribner
Nov 24, 1836 (dau of Nimrod)

Ann Eliza Shirley m. John Lane
Dec 9, 1837

Sarah Irvin (dau of Millie Shirley)
m. Benj. F. Cates Nov 1, 1854

Nancy Shirley m. John Hall
Sept 1, 1824 (dau of Moses)

misc records (Hamilton Co. Ill)

SHIRLEY-HALL... M. inf. from cert. & lic. iss. 01 Sep 1824 by J.C.L. John Hall, Franklin Co., Ill. Terr, bought (Rect. 3561) SE 34, T7S, R4E, 20 Jul 181, at SLO (Shawneetown Land Office).

Moses Shirley, Barren Co. Ky., bought (Rect. 2736) SE18, T5S, R6E, 13 Feb 1818, SLO.

Moses Shearly, Pvt., Capt. James Hall's Co. , Black Hawk War- Adj. Gen. Rep.

Obit. of Nancy Margret Hall Bernette Marks Willmore, Times, 5 May 1921; dau of John and Nancy Hall; b. 23, Feb 1840 d. 25, Apr 1921; m. Jacob G. Burnette 1862- je d. 1872, 4 children, 2 survive- Mrs. Florence Burnett & Mrs. Florence Stelle; m. A.J. Marks, 1873; 1 ch. - E.A. Marks of Oraibi, Arizona; m. John Willmore; 1 ch - C.W. Willmore, Boulder Colorado; she was one of 14 children of John and Nancy Hall; 2 survive- Col. H.W. Hall of McL. & Sarah Simons of Fairland, Okla.

D.N. of John Hall, Golden Era, 21, Jul 1882 Five County History, page 702, biography of Hon. H.W, Hall, son of John and Nancy Shearly Hall, states that John Hall was b. 1799 Union Co. Ky. and d. 1882 Union Co. Ill., that Nancy Shearly was b. 1808 Barren Co., Ky.; d. 1872 Hamilton Co. Ill.

Shirley-Ervin/Irvin... M. inf. from cert.. & A Bk. entries. Cert. ERvin; lic.- Irvin.

D.N. of Henry H. Irvin, Times, Nov 30, 1894; d. 26 Nov 1894, home in Jefferson Co. Ill., aged 86 yrs. 1 month 26 days; former resident of Hamilton Co. Ill.

Obit. of Henry Irvin, Leader, Nov 29, 1894; b. 1808, N.Y.; d. Nov 26, 1894, home in Mt. Vernon; formerly lived Knight's Prairie; came to Hamilton Co. about 60 years ago; m. 3 times; 26 children- 14 survive-among them, Mrs. Eliza Sharpe, McL. He Int.- Oak Grove.

SHIRLEY - MORGAN - LONG Families

_____Shirley was the father of:

1. Elias Shirley
2. Luther Shirley
3. Elizabeth Shirley
4. Seytha Shirley
5. Penelope Shirley b. 1825-28
   m. 1st Joseph Madison Morgan Sr.

children

(1) William Hooker Morgan 1848 died in Civil War
(2) Joseph Madison Morgan Jr. 1849 in S.C. and on 1860 & 1870 census of Ark. and on the 1880 census of Clay Co. Texas He married Sabra Bearden ca. 1874 in Lonoke Co. Arkansas.
(3) Martha b. ca. 1855

Penelope m. 2nd James D. Long in Saline Co. Ark. in 1857.

children

(4) Sarah P. Long 1858 Ark m. Mr. Snowden
(5) Francis Seytha m. Smith
(6) Virginia Murvel m. Duncan
(7) Mary Aletha Elvira Jane m. Anthony

According to family stories, my great grandmother, Penelope Shirley was born in S.C. between 1825-29; married Joseph Madison Morgan in 1840's. He was 13 years older than her. About 1854 came to Arkansas where Joseph Morgan Sr. was killed while piloting a wagon train in Northwest Arkansas. In May of 1857 Penelope married the widower James Long in Saline Co. Ark. There was much trouble in Saline Co. during the Civil War and by end of the war James Long

was planning to move away but became ill and died of pneumonia in July 1866 in Saline Co. Ark.

The next news of the family is 1870 census record of Pulaski Co. Ark. (Lonoke C . after 1873) where widow Penelope Long is living with her children in Caroline Twp. About 1874, her son Joseph Morgan married Sabra Bearden and moved to Texas, coming first thru Kennedale, Texas, then on to Motague Co. where he stayed a year or so, then settled at Vashti in Clay Co. where he had a large family and lived for many years. He finally moved to Wichita Falls where he died in 1926. It is not known whether Penelope and the young girls came at first or not but they did come, then, or soon after. By 1880, the daughter Sytha Francis had married H.V. Smith and was living in Kennedale and her sister Mary Letha was living with her. In 1882 the daughter Virginia married Sam Duncan in Mansfield, Texas near Kennedale. They lived most of their lives in Stephens Co. Oklahoma. According to the story, Penelope became ill and died somewhere besides Vasti and was taken to Montague, either county or townm to be buried about 1878-77. There is no monument.

sent by Dorothy Hillard

AMBROSE SHIRLEY of NORFOLK, VA.

Ann D. Shirley, widow and relict of Ambrose Shirley of Norfolk, and heir of Robert Tompkins and Christopher Tompkins, dec'd., being granddaughter of the former, and only surviving child of the latter, now residing in the Borough of Norfolk Virginia, nominates and appoints her friend Robert Brough of the same place as her true and lawful attorney in fact, to ask, demand, sue for, recover, and receive all rents, arrears, damages or claims now due or which may hereafter become due on her lands in Kentucky, and to sell and convey the same, to settle disputes, and to do all matters relative. July 1, 1817, and recorded by the Kentucky Court of Appeals, August 15, 1817.

sent by Elwood Shirley
(Elwood comments he has read, somewhere, a statement by Ann that her husband Ambrose Shirley went to sea in 1815, and did not return).

BARREN CO. KENTUCKY SHIRLEYS

SARAH SHIRLEY, daughter of Richard Shirley, married Henry Holtsclaw.

children

1. Malinda Holtsclaw m. Jacky Bowles
2. Elizabeth Holtsclaw m. Samuel Cummins
3. Enock Holtsclaw m. Jolliffe Jehoctah
4. James Holtsclaw m. Rhoda McRae
5. Richard Holtsclaw m. Polly Smith
6. Milly Holtsclaw m. Wm. Neville
7. Sally Holtsclaw m. John Walters
8. Henry Holtsclaw m. Mary Griggs

(order of births unknown)

Data obtained from:
Will of Henry Holtsclaw Jr. Barren Co. Ky.
Will book 2 page 160, date, Sept 6, 1823
probated Oct. Court 1823.
Barren Co. Ky. marriage records.

The will of Henry Holtsclaw Jr.
wife: Polly
Father and mother: Henry Holtsclaw and Sally.
Brothers: Enoch, James and Richard Holtsclaw. Sisters: Milley Neville, Malinda Bowles, Sally Walters, Elizabeth Cummins.
Witnesses: James Cummins, John Harding, Peggy Cummins.

Caleb Shirley was one of the appraisers of the estate of Henry Holtsclaw Jr.

Henry Jr. married and died in the same year.

sent by Elwood Shirley

From: 2200 Gravestone Inscriptions from Winchester & Frederick Co. Va. Book IV. SHIRLEY

Christian Thomas	1850-1911	61 yrs.
Roda (his wife)	1850-1912	62 yrs.
North E. (son)	1887-1909	22 yrs
Oliver C.	1880-1943	63 yrs
Minnie Dehaven	1885-1932	47 yrs
Howard	1885-1935	50 yrs
Lilly F.	1888-1949	51 yrs

Eva Brooks Shirley 1846, lost 3 infants

Chambers Co. Ala.

Deborah Ann Shirley m. Henry J. Robinson Sept 28, 1845
Amanda Shirley m. William Saxon Sept 28. 1845.

from Florence Hodges

GREENVILLE CO. S.C. CEMETARY SURVEY

page 129. (sent by Florence Hodges)

SHIRLEY

Benjamin A. b. 10-11-1882 d. 1-21-1949
Bertie King b. 12-1-1886 d. 11-24-1969
page 203:
Less Lee, wife of Monref Woodward,
b. 3-3-1877 d. 1-26-1943
page 244:
H.E. Sims, wife of A.P. Shirley,
b. 6-13-1872 d. 2-23-1898
page 254:
Ninerva b. 1877 d. 1964
H.E. b. 1877 d. 1908
Locia b. 1880 d. 1918
John R. b. 9-7-1868 d. 5-23-1953
John F. b. 10-22-1840 d. 1-15-1906
page 399
Anna Lindley b. 1882 d. 1934
Andrew O. b. 1880 d. 1953
page 414
Bell F. 1-9-1884 d. 9-4-1935

Misc. FLORIDA

Sidney T. Shirley, 1843-1932, Pvt. Co. E, 60th Ala. Inf. (CSA). Kynesville Baptist Church (Plant #54) located in Sect. 20, TWP 4, N; Range 11, W. in Kynesville, Fla.

Veterans buried in Alachua Co. Fla.

Antioch Cemetery, Plat 53, located in section 2, Twp. 8, South; Range 19 East, about 2 3/10 miles S.E. of LaCrosse, Fla. adjacent to Antioch Church. Jonathon Shirley 1812-1910, Pvt. Stewart's Co., U.S. Army (Indian).

U.S. Army deaths, Florida War (Seminole) 1835-1842.

Robert Shirley Pvt. Co. D., 3rd Reg. Art'y; died July 5, 1837 at St. Augustine, Fla. Disease unknown.

sent by Florence Hodges

WARREN CO. GA. 1786 - Long Creek Baptist Church...Edward Shurley-Keziah Shurley were members.

BURKE CO. GA. 1781-1782 Martin Shirley

WILKES CO. GA. 1781-1793 Edward Shurley

Pension Rolls of 1835: Ga. (They Were Here Vol. 6)

James Shirley, private, Com., April 1, 1805 died March 10, 1816 CHATHAM CO. GEORGIA.

WARREN CO. GEORGIA Rev. Soldiers:

William Shurley SR.

JOURNAL HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, Aug. 1782.

To be restored immediately to the Rights of Citzenship. John Shirley and William Shirley.

SUMPTER CO. ALA.

Will of Pleasant White from Will Book 2 pages 342-9.

Mentions: wife, Frances Churchwell White also seven children, one of which is #5, daughter, America Shurley.

(does anyone have a marriage record for this marriage???)

1829 Census of Laurens District S.C.

SHIRLEY

Johnathan	6
Beverley	8
Moses	2
Eli	7
Elihu	4
George	3
Wright	3
Robert	9
Easter	3
Jana	4
John	10
Hezekiah	5

from S.C. Magazine of Ancestral Research Vol. 4, #3 and sent by Florence Hodges.

WANT ADS.....

During the Civil War, F.C. DeLong and Shirley (possibly James D. or G.) had a contract with the government to carry mail in Idaho. The ranch was probably in Cassia County. Any information would be apreciated.

Anyone hear of a Jessie Shirley Co., "in illistrated songs" ?

Peg Coady
12935 Rio Oso Road
Auburn, Ca. 95603

MORE ADS NEXT ISSUE...

(Out of space this issue...sorry!)

ENGLAND TRIP PLANNED MAY 9th - 20th, 1989

Would you like to go to England with us? We have room for a few more travelers!

Note the air lines are having price wars to London!!! Book yourown flight or go thru your own travel agent. Plan to arrive before 1:00 P.M. on May 10th at Heathrow airport and depart on May 20th from Heathrow, unless you plan on extending your trip...and to be on your own as of May 20th. Flights for us from California were $398 round trip. That was quite a savings from nearly $700 it was going to cost me. I understand the East coast costs are less.

The cost of the land portion of the trip is $1961 based on 20 travelers at current rate of exchange.

Includes 10 nights hotel accomodations, (double occupancy), English breakfast each morning, 3 lunches, 9 dinners, Entrance fees...etc.

We'll be visiting places like Stonehenge, Sherwood Forest, Boston and other areas where the Pilgrims were before coming to America, Shakespears birthplace and much more. The Shirley related places will be the Shirley International Convention at Staunton Harold, Breedon on the Hill, the church where Lady Selina Huntington is buried, (she was the granddaughter of the First Earl Ferrers...a Shirley), Chartley Castle...former Shirley property, Wiston, Ote Hall, Preston Manor and Isfield Village...all Shirley related places!!! We shall be dining in some of the villages as we did before, and again...much much more.

Shirleys from Australia, New Zealand etc. have already made plans to attend the FIRST INTERNATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION! May 13th at Staunton Harold in England.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH ME BY APRIL 15th, 1989...We would apreciate it if you can reserve before that time as it effects our hotel accomodations.

WE ARE MEETING AT STAUNTON HAROLD & ARE DONATING FUNDS WE WOULD HAVE USED FOR A HOTEL MEETING ROOM. They are providing food and entertainment. IF YOU WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FUNDS TO THIS PROJECT, I WOULD APRECIATE YOUR SENDING A CHECK MADE OUT TO: "The Ryder-Chesire Mission" and marked..."Staunton Harold Hall Appeal". Please send your check to your editor and we will present these checks to the Appeal co-ordinator during a portion of our convention. Staunton Harold plans to inscribe the names of all donors in a book which will remain on permanent exhibition at the Hall.

I have enclosed some literature about this project and the use planned for this former Shirley estate.

If you have any questions, please call me at: 408-255-8511 or write me: Betty Shirley, 10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, Ca. 95014. THANK YOU!

NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION

June 24th & 25th 1989

HOLIDAY INN

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

PLEASE FIND INFORMATION AND APPLICATION ENCLOSED!

I have received many letters already about attending this convention. I just have a feeling this could be the Convention with the most attendees! Don't miss it!

I have heard of a couple of groups that have begun their own campaign to get their family branch to meet at this convention. YOU can do the same. I KNOW this is going to be one of the best conventions to date! Write letters to those on your list of Shirleys who descend from your branch and tell them you would like to meet them at the Convention.

We are mailing out 1200 letters in the next couple of weeks to the SHIRLEYS living in Texas, Ok., Ark. and Mo. promoting not only the Shirley Assoc. but the Shirley Convention.

From your editor....

THANK YOU! to several of you who sent money for the extra postage. I really apreciate it! Anyone else who would like to help us out...we could use more stamps or money to buy them. We will not only be mailing the above 1200 letters but have over 1000 to mail to SHIRLEYS in England to promote the Convention and build the International Shirley Association. Every extra $5 or more helps! THANK YOU FOR SHOWING YOU CARE AND FOR ALL THE NICE LETTERS !!!

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THE SHIRLEY NEWS

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1989 INTERNATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION
SHIRLEYS IN FRONT OF MANOR HOUSE AT
STAUNTON HAROLD

The first International Shirley Convention was held at Staunton Harold,(the ancestral home of the Earl Ferrers family for generations),on May 13, 1989. A group of aproximately 100 people attended this special event. They were very interested in learning about the history of the Shirley family.

The day started with registration at 9A.M. By 9:30 everyone had taken their seat and Mr. Oliver of Staunton Harold introduced Betty Shirley. The Shirleys heard the story about the Shirleys starting in 1086 and how the lineages have descended. A large family group chart was on display and used to explain the families through the generations. Also on display was a large map of England showing where the Shirleys had lived in 1500's & 1600's.

Before the lunch break, each Shirley descendant at the convention stood and introduced themselves and gave the name and location of their earliest Shirley ancestor they knew of. On more than one accassion, someone would ask the one speaking about their ancestor. Later they discovered their connection to that branch of the family. The excitment was really growing when they all began to see the possibilities of meeting other families who might be related to their own.

As each person took their turn telling about their Shirley ancestor, one came to the front of the room...as we had now come to those sitting in the back of the room. He asked everyone to be sure to look him over...he wouldn't mind. He was wearing a T-Shirley with writting on it. As he approached the front of the room...everyone was laughing!!! On the back of his shirt was: YOU COULD BE MY LONG LOST COUSIN, SEE THE OTHER SIDE FOR DETAILS. The front side gave the names of the families he is researching. It was a very clever idea and everyone had fun with this. He was a hit!

Following this everyone went outside to get a group photograph taken in front of the manor house. Then on down for another group photo in front of the church. Just as the group was walking down to the church, the Earl and Countess Ferrers arrived. They are in those pictures, (We don't have them back from England yet).

Lunch was served and after a relaxful visit the afternoon portion of the Shirley convention resumed. The afternoon speakers was the Earl Ferrers and Major John Shirley. The audience was given a chance to ask questions of both gentlemen. A great time was had by all.

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During the breaks the Shirleys spent great deal of time looking at the books and displays brought over by Betty Shirley from the USA. Several reported finding material on their family and wrote down their information in their notebooks etc.

It was great to see their enthusiasm. Several who were not members of the International Shirley convention joined. We all felt a close kindred inspite of the miles difference from England, New Zealand, Australia and U.S.A. They are one terriffic group of people.

SHIRLEY TOUR OF ENGLAND

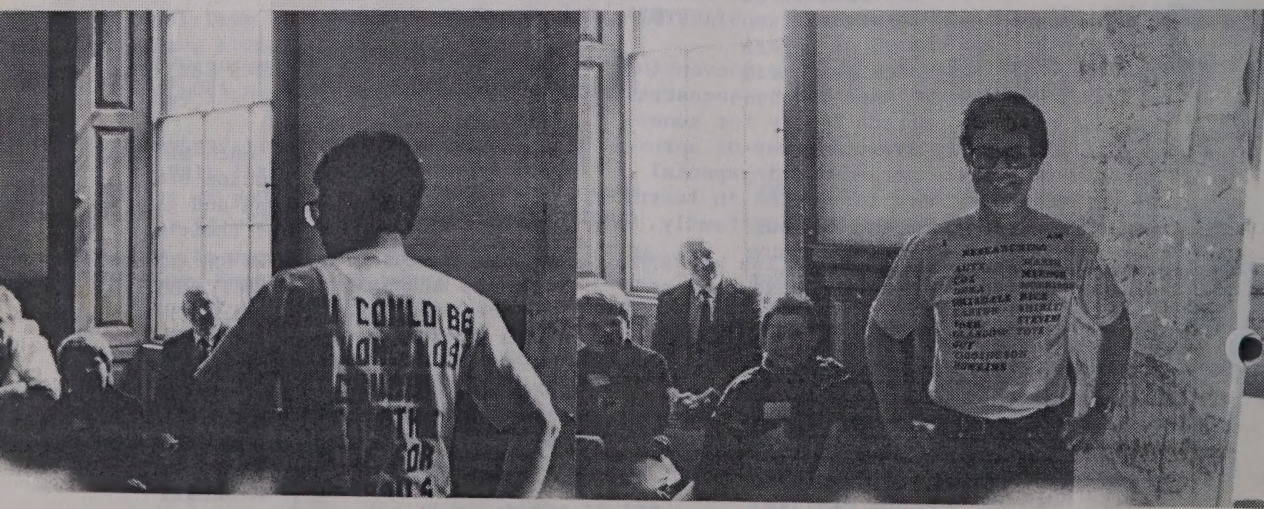
The rest of the tour went very well! The weather was good to us and we had a great time. Wished you could have been with us.

I won't take space here to go into the details but just wanted to mention we had a great time and we would all like to do it again... I think!

IRELAND TRIP!

I, Betty Shirley, went over to Ireland for 4 days following the Shirley tour of England. I must say that I was well treated while there.

We held a meeting just for the Shirleys of Ireland. We expected about 25 people and were pleasantly surprised when about 60 people showed up to hear and learn about the Shirleys.



Was met by a lovely young couple, Ivan and Susan Shirley and Sophie, Ivan's sister. They picked me up at the Dublin airport and drove me to their parents house where a lovely lunch had been prepared by Mrs. Shirley. Many of their family was there. Following lunch, we left immediately so we could arrive on time in Kilkenny where we held the Ireland Shirley meeting. Some had already arrived. I quickly met them and dashed to set up my displays etc. After my talk, we heard from each of them. Several were there who were related to one another and did not know of the other prior to the meeting. Needless to say...I was riding high!!! I thrive on first time family introduction!

I stayed on in Kilkenny and that night we had a horrible thunder storm. Next morning rain was gone and overcast. I went walking alone thru the town. After breakfast I was met by another group of Shirleys and shown around the places their Shirleys had lived nearby. Later, I was taken to a church where Ivan, Susan and Sophie once again met me and I said my good byes to the other lady who I had spent the evening and that morning with. Ivan took me around to see their Shirley places and we met an interesting Shirley living on an OLD back farm in the country. We learned about his Shirleys. What a time I was having!!!

After dinner back at Ivans folks house, we left for Ivans house where I stayed the night. The next morning he took me to the bus and I rode for more than an hour to Carrickmacross. Here I was met by Judith Shirley, wife of Major John Shirley of Ettington Park, England. She took me to their Ireland estate.

The Shirley estate is less than 2 miles from Carrickmacross. We turned into a gate in a long rock wall that fences off the property from the road. The road back to the house is a dirt and rock combination and it is about a mile back to the house. Lovely trees and greenry as far as you can see. They farm the land and raise cattle. I asked how much property they have and the answer is 950 acres. I learned that they still own one side of the street of Carrickmacross and the other side of the street was inherited by the Essex family...many generations ago. The places of business...and we are talking the main street with various businesses, rent from the Shirleys.

I must admit it was some feeling driving up to the front door of this place I have read about so much. Then to step in through the doors and to actually be in LOUGH FEA! It was like a dream. Judith took me up to my room and invited me down for tea after I had freshened up and caught my breath. Major John Shirley was out with his workman about some farm business.

Judith and I had a nice talk about the estate and its past and the Shirleys. In alittle while, John came to greet me. After abit of conversation, he told me to make myself at home. I asked about taking some pictures and he said "You may take any pictures you wish and look at anything you would like to look at, and go where ever you want to explore".

I asked how many rooms in the house. They did not know as they never had counted them. I thought...I will do this as I browse around. Well...I never got them all counted! I don't know what ones you would or would not count. There were rooms out in back in the stable areas and rooms here and there. I can see why it would be a task to try and figure out how many rooms at Lough Fea.

The sad part about my visit there is to see how fast this lovely old Shirley home is falling into decay. I could visualize how beautiful it was in its prime time.

Judith took me for a walk back behind the house. Several hundred yards away is a tall cross built to the memory of one of the Shirleys a few generations back. We went thru an iron gate and fence to get to it. The gate had the Shirley coat of arms on the top of it.

We walked in another direction across an open field and there was a herd of about 60 deer. We came back and sat on the bench outside the house and watched them. Every morning I could see them from my window.

That evening they had invited dinner guests. Judith prepared the meal and the evening was spent in conversation in the library before retiring for the night.

I went up the stairs to my room in the dark. It is a very long hall way. I was sure if I just followed the wall, I would get there alright. I was so tired and I didn't want to wait for them to show me up. My room was at the very end of the hall. How simple to get there I thought. Finally I thought I had arrived. It was pitch black. I felt a doorjam and this had to be the end room. Well, it wasn't! I found the light switch and it was one room short of mine. Somehow I had gone sideways into a room opposite the wall I was following by the touch and feel method. I never did figure out how I ended up in THAT room. It was a very STRANGE feeling when I flipped on the light. I couldn't figure out how I did it! The next evening...I had my purse and in it I carried a flashlight. So, this experience was not repeated! HA!

Day 2 at Lough Fea! We had breakfast in the kitchen this morning. John and Judith decided to take me on a picnic and had a trip planned out for the day. We left for a place called Flagstaff. It is a hill that sits high overlooking a river. It was quite some sight as we watched a ship pulling in to dock way below. The river comes in from the ocean...which we could see also. I was told that last year (I think it was), several people had been killed on the road just across the river that we could see from Flagstaff.

Next, John and Judith took me to Newry and another town across the border. The streets still have the signs up saying not to leave cars unattended on the main streets of the city. They had had bombings there last year and several had been killed. I was relieved when we returned back to the Shirley estate. I did however enjoy the days outing.

That evening they took me to their country club in Carrickmacross where we met some very nice people for dinner. We had a very pleasant evening.

The next morning I strolled the grounds along to explore and to take picture. I cannot tell you what an experience this was for me.

In the Shirley Chapel I found very old things covered with dust. The Bible on the pulpit was from 1849 I think it was. Shirley coat of arms on everything. Big books, little books, just about everything and everywhere I looked it seemed some little item would have the coat of arms on it.

I saw old Shirley family furniture that was no longer usuable and sitting in cob webs and much much more.

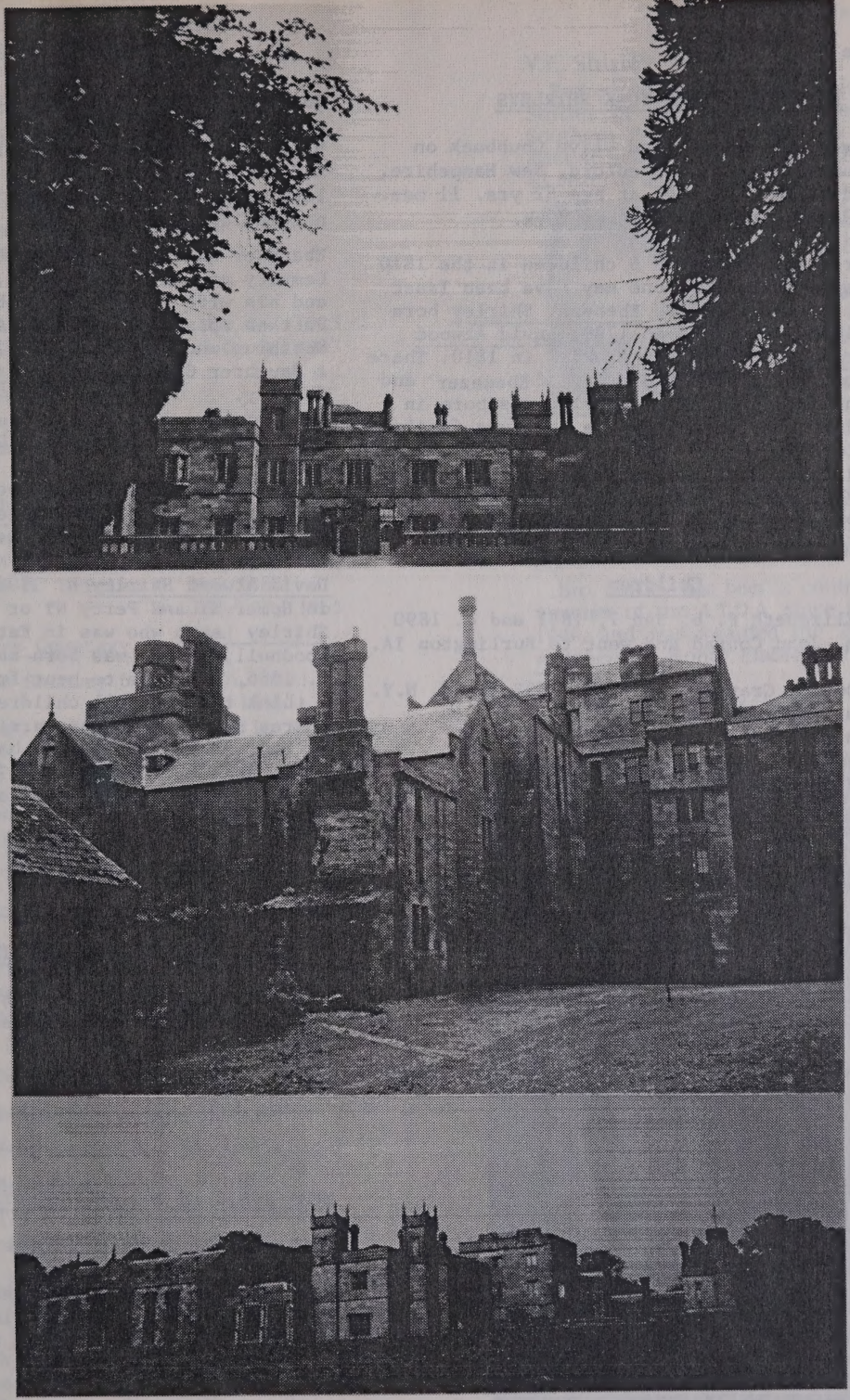
The walls are covered with oil painting of Shirleys as well as other people and things. All probably very valuable! The library has hundred and hundreds of books and the most of them have to do with Ireland. They are old and not doubt most of them would be real collector items.

John Shirley brought me 2 scrap books to look at. They were very old themselves. They contained newspaper clippings from the 1800 era. Artist sketches of Ettington at different periods. They were different in appearance than the Ettington we see today. This was before the last remodeling and in another era. There were sketches of many Shirley places we have not seen.

I spent a most fascinating time looking at the various memorablia that has been saved thru the generations relating to not only Lough Fea but other places in England. Not only Ettington Park but several other locations Shirleys had lived.

The ceiling in the library came from Wiston house.

I learned that Major John and Judith lived at Lough Fea for about 20 years and that they raised their children there. They have a strong attachment to the Ireland estates even though they live on Isle of Man.



(TOP) Front of house (CENTER) Taken from the back of the left side of the house. (BELOW). Taken from the far right of house looking back at the side of it.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - NEW YORK SHIRLEYS

Phares Shirley married Olive Chubbuck on January 15, 1789 in Bedford, New Hampshire. He died May 20, 1848 at age 82 yrs. 11 mos. in Homer, Cortland Co. New York.

Phares and Olive had 6 children in the 1810 census. The oldest one may have been Isaac and the others maybe Ebenezer Shirley born in 1794, Cornelius in 1798, David Atwood Shirley born 1808 and Ezekiel in 1810. There is another in the age range of Ebenezer and Cornelius. A Clarissa Shirley was born in 1811 who may or may not be the same family.

David Atwood Shirley was born Oct. 8, 1808 in Bedford Co. New Hampshire and died in 1882 in the county home in Varysburg, N.Y. He married Evaline Brant.

Children

1. Elizabeth P. b. Jan 7, 1831 and d. 1890
   m. John Conrad and went to Burlington IA.

2. Dubley Graves b. May 16, 1833 Perry, N.Y.
   m. 1st Mary Ann Mann
   m. 2nd Helen Maria Webb

3. Frances A. b. Dec 2, 1835 d. 1905
   m. 1st Enos Frost
   m. 2nd Charles Homan

4. Mary K. b. April 25, 1838 d. Oct 10, 1838

5. Phares b. Nov. 20, 1839 d. May 21, 1864
   at Andersonville Prison.

Ezekiel Shirley b. ca. 1808 N,H.
m. Sarah Johnson
children as listed in
1850 census of Homer, Cortland Co. NY

1. Olive A. 1829 NY
2. Sarah b. 1829 NY
3. William b. 1836 NY
4. Henry b. 1838 NY
5. Catherine b. 1841 NY
6. Frances b. 1844 NY
7. Ella b. 1848 NY

In 1820 census of Tompkins Co. N.Y.

Isaac Shirley b. ca. 1821 NY
Sarah J. b. ca. 1819 NY
Atwood b. 1846 NY
Jacob P. b. 1848 NY

1880 census Atwood b. ca. 1844 NY
Mary E. b 1852 Sydney 1866 NY
Maud 1870 NY Frank 1870 NY
Eliza 1974 NY

Ebenezer Shirley was in the 1835 census with 5 males including head of house hold. Cornelius is listed with 9 males and 3 females, but from the listing later seen it was for other people not children.

Ebenezer was listed in the Glenwood Cemtery and he died Nov. 14, 1848 and his wife Sally K. d. Feb 14, 1844. He then apparently married Abigail Northrup who d. Oct. 9, 1882 and had a daughter Clara A. or Clarissa A. Shirley.

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If anyone knows anything about the families of Cornelius Shirley b. 1797 d. 1866 Syracuse, NY who lived in Eaton NY, Phelps, NY Homer, NY or David Atwood Shirley b. 1808 who was in Homer NY and Perry NY or Clarissa Shirley Leach who was in Eaton, NY, Woodhull, NY and was born ca. 1811 d. 1886, I'd like to hear from you. I think they are all children of Phares Shirley who was married in 1789 in Bedford N.H. or if you have info about Ezekiel, Ebenezer or Isaac Shirley I would like to hear from you!
WRITE: Shirley Garvin
19 Whispering Sands Dr. #803
Sarasota, Fla. 34242

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[PLEASE SEE PAGE 12 for details!]

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Liberty Cemetary

Jack Shirley 1856-1928
Belle Shirley 1872-

Glasscock Cemetary

Shirley (no first name
died Sept 23, 1929

Elder Cemetary

Charles V. Shirley b. Nov 14, 1925
d. July 9, 1937

Silver dale Cemetary

William E, Shirley b. Aug 6, 1910 d?
Bertha Olga Shirley b. Nov 13, 1911
d. Jun 13, 1964

Senath Cemetary

Gertie L. Shirley b. July 26, 1889
d. June 30, 1962
Shelby M. Shirley b. Feb 1886
d. July 27, 1955

Gregory Cemetary

Newton Shirley b. Dec. 26, 1891
d. Feb 8, 1961
(son of Wm. W, & Etta Qualls Shirley)

Ollie Bailey Shirley b. Apr 26, 1895
d. Oct 15, 1945
(dau. of Wm & Sarah Huffman Bailey)
& she was wife of Newton Shirley.

info sent by Mrs. Clint Wallis

John Shirley born about 1768 in Va. married Elizabeth Fields. They were members of the Turkey Creek Baptist Church in South Carolina. They were the parents of:

1. Obediah of Honea Path, South Carolina
2. Nathaniel b. ca. 1806 and went to Texas
3. John Jasper b. ca. 1808
4. Benjamin Emaziah b. 1811

(1). John Franklin b. 1841 S.C.
SEE PHOTO ON RIGHT...

photo sent by Marion Shirley, grandson of John Franklin Shirley.

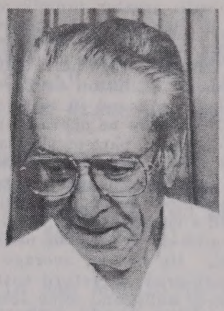
He was in Company G 56 Reg. Ga. Vol.
(This family can be found in Forsyth Co. Georgia census of 1850).

5. Loranzo
6. Elizabeth
7. Armis
8. Ann Catherine

(see Shirley NEWS Apr 1979 page 7 more info)

V.E. Shirley SP

Retired on May 2, 1988: Vance E. Shirley of the Tucson, AZ, office, Southern Pacific Transportation Co., after 46 years of railroading including 43 years as a train dispatcher.



Bro. Shirley was born at Arnegard, ND, on Aug. 31, 1915, and began his railroad career in May 1942, as an operator. He started his training as a train dispatcher and was promoted 26 days later in July 1945. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad for 25 years and 21 years for the Southern Pacific Transportation Co.

Bro. Shirley has been a continuous member of the A.T.D.A. since Feb. 8, 1946, and was awarded the 25 year membership Honor Emblem on June 7, 1971.

sent by Cliff B. Shirley

JOHN FRANKLIN SHIRLEY born 1841 S.C.

SHURLEYS OF GEORGIA, ARK. & TEXAS (cont.)

from: The New Encyclopedia of Texas. Sent by Bobbie Smith.

T. SHURLEY. Perhaps in the history of the great empire of West Texas, no name stands out with greater prominence than that of J. T. Shurley. Mr. Shurley, for more than thirty years, has been one of the foremost ranchers of Sutton County, where he is operating a nineteen-section property in Sutton and Irion counties, and is extensively engaged in raising cattle, sheep, and goats. Until 1924 he operated a thirty-section ranch, but divided a part of this land with his children at that time. He runs an average of forty-five hundred strictly high-grade Rambouillet sheep, with all registered bucks, and shears an average of eight and a half pounds of wool annually, but in 1928 sheared an average of nine pounds of wool per animal. He has an average of five hundred head of high-grade Hereford cattle, with all Hereford registered bulls, and some Jersey milk cows, two of which are thoroughbreds. He also has about three hundred flat lock type Angora goats, from which he shears an average of about seven pounds of mohair yearly. His ranch is one of the best-improved of Sutton County, and he has built more than forty miles of sheep-proof fence in this county alone. He has plenty of water, with rock tanks. He has a home on the ranch. Mr. Shurley was born in Florida, August 16, 1859, and brought to Texas as a child by his parents. His father, R. H. Shurley, was a native of Georgia and for many years engaged in farming and was a merchant-machinist on the river steamers. During the Civil War, he served as a soldier from the South and was badly wounded. He came to Gonzales County, Texas, and settled on the San Marcos river about 1862. Mary Ann (Spears) Shurley, mother of J. T. Shurley, was a native of Arkansas and a member of a well known family. While Mr. Shurley attended such schools as were available during his boyhood, he is in reality a self-educated man. He attended the Spencer School in Gonzales County on Canuke Creek and walked five miles daily to attend this institution of learning, usually during the winter months when little was doing on the farm. He started his career in the world of business as a very poor boy, but with energy, thrift, foresight and business acumen. He began working in a store at fifteen dollars a month, and later spent this money in school. He then rented a farm in Gonzales County on shares, where he remained for a year. Farming, however, did not appeal to him. In 1880, at the age of twenty, he went with Major Harwood, in Gonzales County, drove cattle over the road, and remained with this well known cattleman for about a year. In 1882, he started working for Henry Stevens and drove six thousand head of cattle "up the trail" from the King ranch on the Gulf Coast to Dodge City Kansas, being five months on the trip. On this drive young Shurley passed through Fort Worth, which at that time had a population of about twenty-five hundred. In this work he received for his services forty dollars per month, which at that time was considered really big wages. In 1883, he made his second trip "up the trail" for Henry Stevens to Caldwell, Kansas, requiring three months time for this trip. On his return to Texas he went to work on the ranch of Stevens and Evans (Henry Stevens and his partner). In 1885 he worked six months on the famous ranch of Col. C. C. Slaughter in Borden County, before there was any town in that county. Gus O'Keefe, remembered by the old time cattlemen of West Texas, was foreman of the Slaughter ranch at that time. The ranch was located on Tobacco Creek, seventy miles north of Big Spring, Howard County. During the latter part of 1885, Mr. Shurley moved to Mason County, and engaged in farming and cattle raising for himself and also ran the mail and passenger stage from Junction to Mason, to make his expenses until 1886. He then went to Edwards County, where he bought a nine-section ranch, and remained there three years. In 1893 he came to Sutton County where he bought a twelve-section ranch, known as the old Bob Wyatt place. He operated this until January 1st, 1903, when he gave this property to his two oldest sons, but since that time has added many hundreds of acres to his holdings.

Mr. Shurley was married to Mrs. Velma (Lacy) Smith in Sonora, Texas. They have one child: Eugene. By a former marriage at Mason, Texas, November 21, 1886; to Miss Nannie McCallum, a native of Mason County, and a member of one of that county's pioneer families, Mr. Shurley had five children, four of whom are living, ranching in Sutton County. They are: Ira L., Edgar D., Murton G., and Collier F. Shurley. Mr. Shurley has a city home in San Angelo, Texas. Mr. Shurley has a great many trophies reminiscent of bygone days, of Indian raids, and life on the open range, but the most prized of them all is an old muzzle-loading rifle, more than one hundred years old, which was used by his forbears in the Revolutionary War and in the Civil War. He served for a period of eight years as a school trustee of Sutton County and helped build the first school house in this county. He is known as one of the foremost ranchers of this part of the state, and one of Sutton County's most enterprising and public-spirited citizens. The formerly held membership in the Cattle Raisers' Association and the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

In 1850 Census of Muscogee Co. Ga.

Richard H. b. ca. 1821 Ga.

Sophie b. ca. 1824 NC
William b. ca. 1844 Ala
Mary A.E. b. ca. 1846 Ala
John A. b. ca. 1847 Ala

In the family records:

Richard H. Shurley b. ca. 1821 Ga
m. Mary Ann Spears

children

1. William b. ca. 1848
2. Sophie b. Aug 6, 1851 Columbus, Ga.
   m. Thomas F. Rainey 1886 Hays Co. Texas
3. Nick b. July 20, 1857 d. 1929
   (never married)
4. Jobe Taylor b. Aug. 16, 1859 Florida
   m. 1st Nannie McCallum
   m. 2nd Velma Smith
5. Charles B. b. ca. 1860 Gonzales Co. Texas
6. California E. b. ca. 1862 " " "

(family info sent by Dr. Jay T. Shurley)

[The following is a transcription of hand-written notes I had collected for some years before my father, Ira, died, and found among his effects after his death].

My father was Job Taylor Shurley, who was born in Florida Aug 16, 1859. He was the son of Richard H. (Dick) Shirley, who was a farmer, a merchant, and also worked as a machinist on river steamers. He was a Confederate soldier from Georgia in the Civil War, receiving a head wound. He carried a bullet in his head until his death many years later. He was reputedly somewhat "addled" by the lead obsorbed from the bullet.

Sometime after the Civil War he married a second time to a younger sister of his first wife who's name is unknown. Job's mother was Mary Ann Spears, reputedly born in Ark. the time and date and place of the marriage unknown.

Richard H. and Mary Shurley and children settled in 1862 or 63 in Gonzales Co. Texas. where Job allegedly walked 5 miles daily for 3 years to attend Spencer school for his formal education. He apparently acquired further education on his own.

His first job was for $15 per month clerking in a gereral store, saving enough to rent a farm, on shares for one year. He did not like farming.

[To save space some of the info was duplicated in this segiment about his work, so will leave it out].

For the last half of 1885, he took a contract to drive the mail and passenger coach (stage line) from Mason to Junction Texas, while living on a small farm and ranch near Streeter, Texas. Here he met and married Nannie Belle McCollum on Nov. 21. 1886. Their first child, Ira, was born Sept 28, 1887 at Streeter, and their second son, Edgar D., was born at Grit Mason Co. Texas.

On moving West from Mason Co., Job, his brother Nick, their sister Callie, briefly farmed near Junction on the Llano River. With Oscar (or Charles?), and Nick, he purchased a 9 section ranch in Edwards Co. in 1889, where he ranched for 3 years. He also purchased a ranch in Sutton Co. known as the Word Ranch. Ira Shurley inherited this ranch.

About 1903 he moved his headquarters to his ranch in Sonora. Edgar inherited this ranch and Merton inherited the headquarters, while Collier inherited yet another from his mother.

Job had meanwhile moved to a home in San Angelo and purchased a 5 section "Spring Creek" ranch at Sherwood or Mertzon, Tom Green Co. Texas.

He married a second time to a widow, Velma Smith, who had four children. By this wife he had two more children, Eugene and Jerry Shurley.

He died in San Angelo in 1931. Gene and Jerry and their mother, Velma, inherited the Word Ranch on Job's death, and the Spring Creek Ranch was given to the four surviving Shurley brothers from the first family as an undivided property.

SHURLEY, JAY TALMADGE, psychiatrist; b. Sonora, Tex., Dec 20, 1917; s. Ira Lawrence and Jewell LaMarguerite (Choate) S.; m. Helen Margaret Loos, June 2, 1945; children: John Lawrence (dec.), Tom Henry, Guy Gibbs, Philip Sherwood; m. Emily Webb Alexander, Jan. 4, 1964; 1 child, John Alexander. Student, San Angelo Jr. Coll., 1934-36; B.A. in Zoology, U. Tex.-Austin, 1940; M.D., U. Tex. Med. Br., Galveston, 1942; candidate in psychoanalysis, Inst. of Phila. Assn. for Psychoanalysis, 1946-51. Diplomate Am. Bd. Psychiatry and Neurology. Rotating intern, Ind. U.-Indpls. Med. Ctr., 1943; Rockefeller fellow in neuropsychiatry dept. mental and nervous disease Inst. for Mental Hygiene Pa. Hosp., Phila., 1944-47; dir. Markle Meml. Unit for Insulin Therapy dept. for mental and nervous disease Pa. Hosp., Phila., 1945-50; pvt. practice medicine specializing in psychiatry and psychoanalysis, Phila., 1947-51, Austin, 1951-52, pvt. practice medicine specializing in psychiatry, San Antonio, 1952-54, Chevy Chase, Md., 1955-57, pvt. practice medicine specializing in psychiatry, psychoanalysis and sleep disorders medicine, Oklahoma City, 1978—; acting chief lab., adult psychiat. investigation, clin. investigations NIMH, NIH, Bethesda, 1955-57; chief psychiatry service and mental hygiene clinic VA Hosp., Oklahoma City, 1957-62; sr. med. investigator in psychiatry, research service, dept. medicine and surgery VA, 1962-76; founder and dir. behavioral scis. labs VA Med. Ctr., Oklahoma City, 1962-78; med. dir. outpatient psychiatry clinics Okla. Meml. Hosp. and Clinics, Okla Health Scis. Ctr., Oklahoma City, 1978-81; med. dir. Willow View (Psychiat.) Hosp., Oklahoma City, 1985—; prof. psychiatry U. Okla., Oklahoma City, 1957-62, career research prof. psychiatry and behavioral scis., 1962-77, prof. psychiatry and behavioral scis. Coll. of Medicine and Grad. Coll., 1977-81; prof. emeritus psychiatry and behavioral scis. and human ecology U. Okla. Health Scis. Ctr., Oklahoma City, 1981—; adj. prof. human ecology Coll. Health, U. Okla., 1967-81; lectr. in psychiatry Jefferson Med. U., 1946-51, U. Pa., Phila., 1946-51, Phila. Sch. Occupational Therapy, 1946-51; vis. lectr. Sch. Social Work and Sch. Law, U. Tex., Austin, 1951-54; mem. com. on polar research, chmn. panel on biology and medicine Nat. Acad. Scis. (NRC), 1970-74; U.S. rep. Working Group on Biology XII Sci. Com. on Antarctic Research, Canberra and Melbourne, Australia, 1972; U.S. rep. Working Group on Human Biology and Medicine XIII Sci. Com. on Antarctic Research, Jackson Hole, Wyo., 1974; disting. vis. scientist Acad. Scis. USSR, Moscow and Leningrad, 1972; Centennial Yr. vis. prof. dept. psychol. medicine U. Otago, Dunedin, N.Z., 1975; pres. Am. Enuresis Found., Oklahoma City, 1984—. Editor: Relating Environment to Mental Health and Illness: The Eco-psychiatric Data Base, 1979, Symposium on Man on the South Polar Plateau, 1970; contbr. 85 articles to sci. publs. Served as capt. M.C. U.S. Army, 1952-54. Recipient Antarctic Service medal, 1970; honored naming of Shurley Ridge Pensacola Mountains, Antarctica; recipient Disting. Profl. Service Okla. Psychol. Assn., 1972, Sustained Superior Achievement cert. VA, 1974. Fellow Am. Psychiat. Assn. (life), Am. Coll. Psychiatrists (charter), Royal Coll. Psychiatrists (U.K.); mem. AMA, AAAS, Soc. Psychophysiol. Research, Sleep Research Soc., Internat. Soc. Chronobiology, Clin. Sleep Soc., Oklahoma County Med. Assn., Okla. State Med. Assn., Phila. Assn. Psychoanalysis, Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Soc., Sigma Xi, Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Alpha Omega Alpha. Democrat. Episcopalian. Clubs: Oklaho-

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A SHIRLEY - A DELONG
Linked in the West

by Margaret A. (Shirley) Coady

A Shirley from New Hampshire and a DeLong from Vermont came together in a common interest--cattle and horses - in the 1860's-1870's.

James Quincy Shirley was born November 14, 1829 in New Hampshire, the son of Robert Moore Shirley. He grew up there. He recieved his education at New London, Merrimack Co. He married first Almira McPherson of Bedford, Merrimack Co. His second wife was a Mrs. Hall. In 1850 he went to California where he engaged in mining and stock raising there and in Idaho, Utah and Oregon. In 1850 he drove the first herd of cattle across the plains from Iowa to San Francisco. He passes away in 1895 at Portland, Multnomah Co. Oregon. (1).

Shirley is shown in the 1880 Cassia Co. Id. census. Shown as James D. Shirley, age 50; cattle dealer; born New Hampshire; living in the Marsh Basin of Cassia County.

The following was found in "Cattle in the Cold Desert" (2); "In 1869, J.G. (sic) Shirley and C.S. Gamble reached the Fort Hall bottoms (southern Bingham Co.) with 3000 head of Texas Cattle. In the mid-1860's Shirley had been one of the ranchers on the Fort Hall bottomland when the U.S. Government bought the land for Indian reservations. In exchange Shirley received six sections of land on the Raft River at the mouth of Cassia Creek in Cassia County. Later in the fall, attracted by the abundant forage, they moved the herd to the Raft River Valley. The next year Shirley and his associates trailed 10,000 more cattle into the Raft River area."

In the April 23, 1896 Marin Journal (Marin Co. California) the following article appeared - headed, "For Relief of DeLong". "We have asked for the reason for the introduction of a bill in Congress for the relief of F.C. DeLong (this DeLong is the only son of Francis DeLong.) The Petaluma Argus (Petaluma Sonoma Co. Ca.) answered thus: During the Civil War Mr. DeLong (the father) and Shirley, now deceased, had a contract with the government to carry mails in Idaho. DeLong and Shirley owned a large tract of land known as Fort Hall Ranch in Southern Idaho, not far from the Utah division line. ...on their ranch DeLong and Shirley had hundreds of horses used in carrying mails over many routes. ...but at the time there was a terrific outbreak of Indians who swooped down on DeLong and Shirley, drove off all the horses, burned or destroyed the mail coaches and other property... Many horses were killed. Few were recovered.

"The partners have previously made the claim on the government for damages sustained on account of a lack of protection to them as servants of the United States, but Congress has never taken any action on the claim. Such a debt, however, is never outlawed so long as it can be proven, and now it is being presented to the government again." (3).

(1) Shirley Association
(2) "Cattle in the Cold Desert" p 46 and 47, by James A. Young and B. Abbot Sparks, Utah State University Press. Courtesy Idaho State Historical Society.
(3) Data on DeLong from Novato History Museum.

LEWIS F. SHIRLEY

In 1853 eight members of the Shirley family moved to Montgomery County, Arkansas. By the third generation the number of Shirley family residents was over fifty, and the family name had been given to many local landmarks in the area that they settled.

Lewis F. Shirley, the family patriarch, was born in 1814 in North Carolina. He later moved to Alabama and in 1839 married Sarah Ann Mullenix. Their son, (Cerma's father) James Wright Shirley, was born in Alabama in 1840. Sarah Ann died in 1842. In August of 1843 Lewis married Mary (Polly) Ann Pattersen and they had a total of eight children. The first four were born in Alabama: Martha Jane, Anne, Mary Ann, and Susan.

In 1852 the entire Shirley family left Alabama in a wagon train and may have traveled with the Mullenix and Fryar families as they all eventually settled in Montgomery County. They settled briefly in east Texas where David Lewis Shirley was born in 1853.

The wagon train then moved north into Montgomery County, Arkansas, helping blaze the trail through the wilderness to a site now just south and west of Oden. Upon coming to a nice spring of water, they decided to settle permanently in the area and built a log house in the place which became known as Shirley Spring at the head of Shirley Creek a few miles south of the Ouachita River southeast of the later community of Huddleston. Shirley Creek flows into the river from the south through land now owned by Edna Gortemiller, and the Shirley Spring area is now part of the Forest Service land.

The growing Shirley family cleared the land and farmed, growing corn, cotton, and wheat. There was a mill in Big Fork where the wheat was ground into flour. Trapping and hunting provided fresh meat. Fishing was plentiful. The cow provided milk and cheese. Fruits and vegetables were dried and hung to be used later. Soaking made them soft again.

Lewis and Polly's three youngest children were born at the Shirley place: Tenna S.E. Elizabeth Georgeann Josephine (1854), Amanda (Mandie)(1859), and Cordeliah (Deliah)(1861).

The oldest son, James Wright, by then in his twenties, was a Union soldier in the Civil War. He was a member of Company D, 4th Arkansas Cavalry and his youngest children received pensions as Civil War orphans at a much later date than most because they were born when he was near seventy years old.

After returning to Montgomery County and the family farm, he married Mary (Polly) Jane Fryar of Oden in 1870. James Wright was a talented musician and violin-maker. He made many fiddles and played throughout the area.

Lewis F. Shirley, the head of the pioneer family, died on December 30, 1874, and was buried in Shirley Cemetery not far from Shirley Spring.

James and Polly Jane had two sons: Lewis Franklin (1874), and Hezzie (1888). Polly Jane died in 1904 and is buried in Shirley Cemetery. James moved just across the county line into Board Camp, Polk County, where at the age of sixty-seven he married Ella Phelps in 1907. They had two children: Helen (Germa)(1909), and William Howard (1911). Germa's nickname resulted from her efforts to say "Charma", the name of a niece who was nine years older than she was.

There were Shirley family members on both sides of the Polk-Montgomery County line and much visiting was done back and forth. The county lines were created and moved without affecting community and family life. The hills and streams of the Ouachitas were considered home.

James Wright Shirley died in 1912 and was buried in Shirley Cemetery near his father. In 1916 Ella Phelps Shirley died and the two young children, Germa and Howard returned to the Shirley Creek area to live with their half-brother, Lewis; his wife, Ella Wilhite; and their thirteen children. Later they went to live with Hezzie and his wife, Bessie Metcalf, and their four children near Poteau, Oklahoma. The family traveled by wagon a full week leading two cows. Germa and Howard slept beside the road.

Most members of the Shirley family married and remained in the Shirley Creek area. Martha Jane married Joe Shirley, a cousin; Anne never married. Mary Ann married Benjamin Brewer and had seven children. Susan married an Ellison and then Bill Goodner. David married Sarah Elizabeth Gaston with whom he had ten children, and then Viola (Dia) Durrough with whom he had three children (twins died in infancy). Tenna married Dr. Stephen C. Bates and had three children. Deliah married Riley Reynolds and had three children.

David Lewis Shirley was a school teacher and a Baptist preacher, preaching at Little Hope Church, south of Waters (now Pine Ridge), and at Sulphur Springs. Susie Shirley Ellison named Little Hope Church when, in its planning stages, she said, "There's little hope this will ever be completed."

After a few years in Oklahoma, young Germa wanted to return home to Montgomery County, and the return trip was made by train. She lived with various family members between Oden and Waters, helping to care for their children, until her marriage to Roy Garrett in 1929. They had five children: Ella Dee, Leroy, Will Ree, Chester Norris, and Shirley. Their family farm is near the Polk-Montgomery County line in the area always considered home--the Ouachita Mountains.

By HELEN "Germa" SHIRLEY GARRETT
as told to KATHRYN MOORE STUCKER

FROM: Montgomery County Ark. "Our Heritage"
Sent by Dorothy Davis

[LEWIS AND SARAH MULLENIX WERE MARRIED IN TUSCALOOSA CO. ALABAMA IN 1839].

1989 NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION

TULSA, OK.

June 24 & 25th

HOLIDAY INN
1010 N. Garnett

IF! You haven't made your reservations to attend the 7th National Shirley Convention, please do not send them to me at this time. I will not receive them before I leave for Tulsa!

Bring them with you! We will be able to accept them at the door on Friday evening or first thing Saturday morning. I have allowed for additional people.

We will be having a pre-convention get together in the meeting room at 7:30 PM Friday June 23rd.

THIS YEARS CONVENTION IS SPECIAL!

OKLAHOMA WAS CHOSEN AS THE SITE OF THE 7th NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF BELLE STARR ! She was born Myrabel Shirley.

Guest speakers planned for Saturday evening June 24th are Glenn Shirley, author of "Belle Starr and Her Times" and Phillip Steele, author of a brand new book, "Starr Tracks".

Belle Starr was killed in 1889! So many of the Shirleys say she was their cousin. Now, come and find out just how this really is. You will have a chance to ask questions of these two people who have studied her and have spent a great amount of time learning about this subject.

A couple of weeks ago, a film was made of the death of Belle Starr. The scene was re-enacted on the exact location where she was shot. Mr. Steele was involved with this. Belle's great granddaughter and her great great granddaughter were there for the filming.

I talked with them recently. They show an interest in learning about their ancestory.

LET'S GO !!!

TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA!

Proposed Trip Itinerary...

Wed.	Sept	27	Los Angeles to Auckland NZ
Thur	Sept	28	we loose 24 hours (aprox 14 hr flight)
Fri	Sept	29	arrive Auckland, free time
Sat	Sept	30	SHIRLEY MEETING & free time
Sun	Oct	1	Coach to Waitomo Caves Maori Feast (dinner) Rotarua overnight
Mon	Oct	2	City Tour of Rotarua afternoon flight to Queenstown
Tues	Oct	3	Full day tour, Milford Sound, inc. lunch
Wed.	Oct	4	Free day, Oueenstown
Thur	Oct	5	Queenstown to Christchurch
Fri	Oct	6	Fly Christchurch to Sydney
Sat	Oct	7	SHIRLEY MEETING & free time
Sun	Oct	8	Tour of city sights, Koala Park and beaches etc.
Mon	Oct	9	Flight from Sydney to L.A.

PRICE: $2850

Breakfast included daily, lunch on Oct. 3 on the Milford Sound excursion and dinner Oct 1st at the Maori Feast.

Price is based on 15 people minimum and group departure from Los Angeles directly to Auckland, New Zealand.

Trip may be extended!!! You can stay on in Australia on your own.

Trip additions:

Fly Sydney to Cairns, 3 nights $385 pp.
or Sydney to Tahiti 3 nights $225 pp.
or Sydney to Fiji or Hawaii, prices upon request.

NOTE: !!!

Because airline rates increase in Oct. for tourist, some adjustments may be necessary. It is VERY important to get your reservation in at once!!! Flight availablity is limited!!!

Please request your reservation form now! You may want to call me to expedite it....408-255-8511. I will be gone to Tulsa, Ok. June 22 thru 26th.

A.D. 1066

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CONVENTION HI-LIGHTS

The seventh National Shirley Convention was held June 24th and 25th in Tulsa Oklahoma at the Holiday Inn.

Shirley descendants from many states attended this years gathering as we commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the death of Belle Starr.

On Saturday evening, the group was pleasantly suprised by the appearance of Belle herself. She came into the meeting from the back of the room, walked to the front of of the group taking over the microphone. Belle wanted to meet the two evening speakers who have been writing books about her. Mr. Steele said they killed you again a few weeks ago at the re-enactment of your death. She laughed & said they keep trying to kill me and I just keep coming back.

She spoke to the audience for a couple of minutes about her family and then said she had to hit it on out as we have another engagement..Jim's got my saddle ready.

A GROUP OF SHIRLEY DESCENDANTS AT THE SEVENTH NATIONAL SHIRLEY COVENTION TULSA OKLAHOMA

The audience laughed and applauded as she left with a wave of her hand.

Next, Glenn Shirley, author of many western books, spoke to the group about his findings when he wrote his book on Belle Starr some years ago.

Glenn Shirley has been a member of the Shirley Association since 1982.

The next speaker was Phillip Steele. He recently wrote a book on Belle Starr and filmed her story on location in Ft. Smith and at the site of her death.

At the conclusion, both speakers came forward to field questions from the audience.

Several jokes and funny stories were told and everyone seem to enjoy the evening.

Walter Shirley
branch (b. 1690)

Barren Co. Kentucky
Shirley descendants

John & Eliz. Barmore
SHIRLEY branch

Argeland Shirley
of S.C. & Kentucky
branch.

Another good looking
Shirley branch!

Luke Shirley branch
& Tennessee Shirleys

A REPORT ON OUR TRIP TO OKLAHOMA !

Six of us flew to Tulsa, rented a van and took off for Ft. Smith Arkansas to stay overnight. The next morning we hurried around for breakfast and took off for Paris Arkansas.

I should explain.... 2 of us six were my children, A son, Dale 33 years of age and a daughter, Dorene 30 years of age. This was their first trip to this area.

Paris Arkansas is where my husbands grandfather came to from Athens Co. Ohio in 1869. We were pleased to be able to show the kids where their great grandfather had lived, where he was buried, etc. We stopped into visit cousins who still live there. On the way back to Ft. Smith, we stopped at the widows home of another cousin who had grandpas old Bible. I am happy to say we were able to purchase it from her.

We arrived back in Ft. Smith for lunch so you can see our visit to Paris was a brief one. Time did not allow us to do any more sight seeing in that area.

We visited Judge Parkers court where Belle Starr had been tried and other related places in Ft. Smith, purchased a floral wreath and on to Porum, Ok. We arrived here about 3 pm for a walk out to Belles grave. A gentleman who I had spoke to weeks before by phone was waiting to escort us. The lady who owns the property the grave is located on had so kindly had a path cleared for our coming. (You remember my story in a previous NEWS of several years ago about my visit to the grave). I was much relieved to be able to walk back with no difficulty this time. I never dreamed I would ever be back to the grave again! and...here I was standing there in commemoration of her death. My daughter and son placed the wreath on her grave.(The color of wreath was lavender).

We arrived back in Tulsa about 6:45 pm just in time to check into the hotel, change and get down to the meeting room in time to greet Shirleys. This was the Friday evening pre-convention event. We had a wonderful evening meeting previous convention goers and first timers.

The Convention lasted until Sunday noon this year as I planned a get together of my husbands family (so many of his group live in and around Tulsa), for the afternoo...

Monday morning the six of us got up about 5:30 AM and checked out of the hotel, drove for awhile, stopped at the world's largest McDonalds at Vinta, Ok. (on our way to Carthage Mo), for breakfast.

We arrived early, picked up Ron and headed for Georgia City to see the old barn of John Shirleys (Belle Starrs father) that Ron had found sometime back. What a sight, seeing this old barn and to imagine it still standing. It is not in real great condition inside, but an interesting place to see. I was pleased at how well my video came out of the interior of this old barn.(No one thought I could get any decent video shots. HA!).

We went on down the road a few hundred feet to where the bridge crosses SHIRLEY FORD. (I have added a story from Jasper Co. Mo. along with a photo of this bridge on page 8 of this issue).

We also stopped at a cemetery a few hundred yards on the other side of the old barn to see if there were any Shirleys buried there. We did not find any in the over grown cemetery.
NOTE: I called Ron a couple of nights ago and he has been successful in finding more information about this area. He found a James A. Hunter buried in that cemetery. He was born in 1837 in Monroe Co. Ind. In the library he discovered that James' mother was Mary A. Shirley who married Richard Hunter. Last night Ron called again and had the childrens names and dates of James Hunter etc. He also had made a note from a book in the Carthage library that Mary was an aunt of Belle Starr.

I found the marriage in my records in Green Co. Ind in 1836 of Mary & Richard. Now I am convinced that the John Shirley who married Elizabeth Pennington in Green Co. Ind. May 11, 1837 are the parents of BELLE STARR! This was his third marriage. Also William Shirley of Scott Co. Ky and previously of Bedford Co. Pa. has great grandchild married in Green Co. Ind. 1839.

We visited the Carthage library, it sits on land that had been owned by Belle's bro. Then our time was gone and we had to drive quickly to Tulsa for a 4:00pm flight. We had a great time this summer in Ok. Ark & Mo.

Top: John Shirleys (father of Belle Starr) barn near Carthage Mo.
Center: Belle Starr at Shirley Convention (Dorene Woodlief).
Lower: L to R: Evelyn Shirley, Dorene Woodlief, Dale, Barbara, Guy & Betty Shirley (your editor), at the grave of Belle Starr in Oklahoma.

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Carthage Press Photo by Marvin VanGilder

Relatives of Myra Belle Shirley -- Belle Starr, guided by Ron Triplett, far right, pose during a Carthage visit. Pictured from left are Dale Shirley, Dorene Woodlief, Betty Shirley, Guy Shirley, Barbara Shirley and Evelyn Shirley. All reside in California.

Shirley family members in visit

Belle Starr's relatives see Carthage

By MARVIN L. VanGILDER
Carthage Press Historian

A half-dozen members of the Shirley family, relatives of Carthage's Belle Starr, visited Carthage early this week.

Guided by Ron Triplett, Sarcoxie, the Californians visited The Carthage Press, Carthage Public Library and Carthage Senior High School.

At the latter site they inspected the school bell which summoned Belle to classes here before the Civil War, when she was Myra Belle Shirley and resided at her father's hotel on the north side of the square.

At the library, one of the group, Mrs. Betty Shirley, presented a copy of her genealogical book entitled "Belle Starr and Her Roots" for use as a reference source by local genealogists and historians.

Mrs. Shirley noted that much of what has been published about the family is false or distorted and her work was prepared to help dispel some of the half-truths and fiction which has been so widely circulated during the last century.

She has traced the family's roots to ancestral sources in the British Isles.

She said the book is not being promoted for general sale but persons with a special interest may purchase copies at $15. Her address is 10256 Glencoe Dr., Cupertino, Calif. 95014.

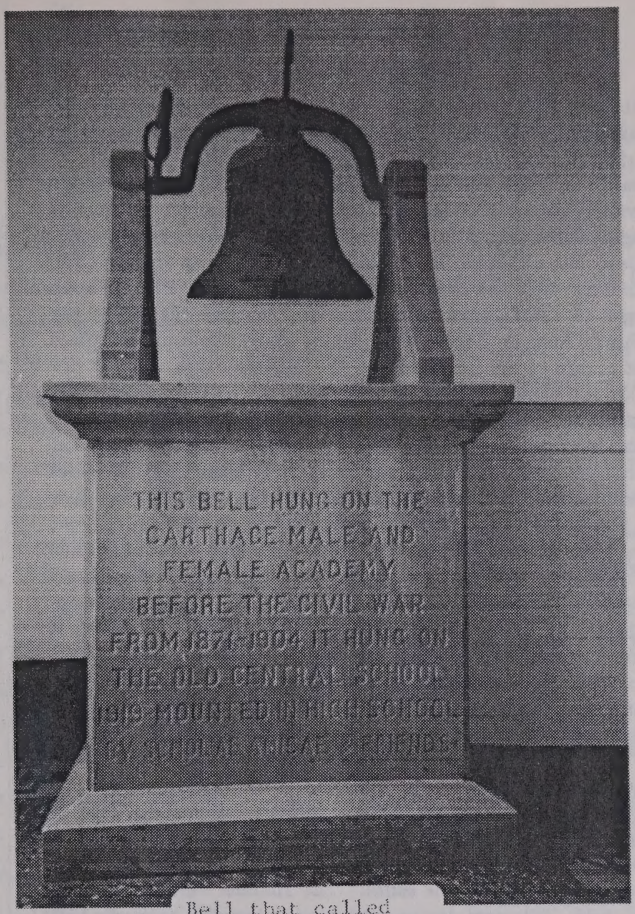
The visitors, representing the Shirley Association, came here following attendance at a Shirley convention in Tulsa, Okla., and visits with relatives in Arkansas.

The delegation included Guy and Betty Shirley, Cupertino, Calif.; their son Dale, Cupertino; their daughter Dorene Woodlief, San Jose, Calif.; their neice Barbara Shirley, San Jose, and sister-in-law Evelyn Shirley, Cupertino.

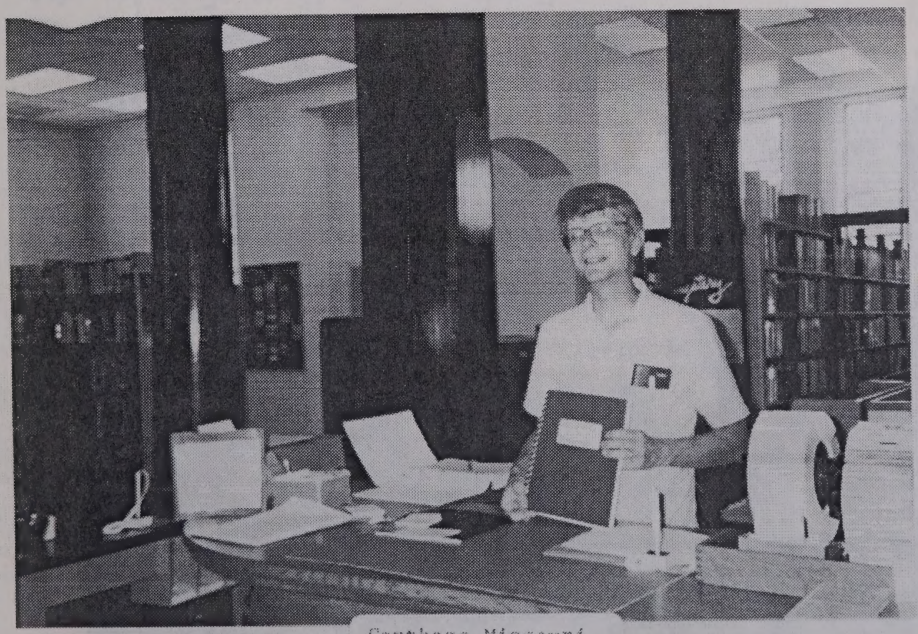
NEW BOOK !

BELLE STARR & HER ROOTS

This book was produced by Betty Shirley, your editor, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the death of Belle Starr. Not only does this book give in detail her ancestory but gives the lineages of related families. Maps are given in the book for careful study of Belle and other families movements as they relocated from one county to another and from state to state. The book contains 45 pages 8½ X 11, red soft vinyl spiral bound and the cost is $15.


THIS BELL HUNG ON THE
CARTHAGE MALE AND
FEMALE ACADEMY
BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR
FROM 1871-1904 IT HUNG ON
THE OLD CENTRAL SCHOOL
1910 MOUNTED IN HIGH SCHOOL

Bell that called
Belle Starr to class



Carthage Missouri
library.

Shirley Ford

In September, 1862, Colonel Ritchie with the Second Indian Territory Home Guard was sent into southwest Missouri counties and was encamped at the old mill near what is now Lakeside Park.

A regiment of Texas soldiers, together with the Livingston Scouts, planned an early morning attack on the red men. At about 4 o'clock on the morning of September 20th, the Texans and the Scouts came to their camping place, but, although the camp fires were burning brightly, they found no Indians; they had quietly retreated to the west. Putting spurs to their horses the Confederates gave chase and overtook the Indian regiment at Shirley Ford on Spring river, where an engagement took place. On the first charge of the Confederates, the Indians began what at first seemed to be, as Colonel Ritchey in his report expressed it, a Bull Run retreat; but his men rallied and, corraling their horses in the brush, dismounted and returned a vigorous fire. A number of times the Confederates charged them, but could not drive their horses into the thick brush. At length Major Livingston proposed to fight them Indian fashion and, in place of a charge from the front, to ride down the main road at full speed and separate the regiment from the wagon train which had been taken across the river to a place of safety. This plan did not meet with the approval of the Texas commander, and in a hasty word-encounter between the Texan and Livingston the latter said: "Colonel, if you will give me command of your regiment for thirty minutes I will capture the whole —— regiment, wagon train and all." The Colonel haughtily ordered Livingston and his men to the rear. Livingston, quick-tempered and impetuous, said: "Colonel you can take your regiment and go straight to —— and I will take my command and go where I —— please."

This ended the fight and the Texan without exchanging another word wheeled with his regiment to the right and rode off the field, leaving Livingston and his men who, after the last of the Texans were out of sight, moved his command to the south. The Indians were left in possession of the field. The next day on returning to bury his men who had been killed in the engagement, Livingston found that Ritchey and his men had gone west into Kansas.

* = Birth before December 31, 1879

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Compiled by R. Wayne Bratcher "A" Press Greenville S.C. 1985

SHIRLEY Pg 2

			Born	Died	Cemetery
bert Frank	17	Albert Frank Shirley	18 Apr 1924	28 Apr 1924	Neals Creek Baptist Church
nie May Timms	105	Annie Mae Timms Shirley	4 Apr 1902	19 Oct 1951	Cedar Grove Baptist Church
nie S	17	Annie S. Shirley	27 May 1889	25 July 1971	Neals Creek Baptist Church
ma White	106	Bama White Shirley w/o J.E. Shirley	3 Sep 1880	1 Jun 1914	Whitefield Baptist Church
#	84	Bert Shirley	29 Mar 1904	2 Jan 1930	Belton Cemetery
anche Shaw	91	Blanche Shaw Shirley w/o J.C. Shirley	16 Feb 1911	6 Jan 1933	Belton Cemetery
d J.	23	Carl J. Shirley s/o J.A. & G. Shirley	24 Feb 1902	19 Jun 1902	Shady Grove Baptist Church
l Lee	124	Carl Lee Shirley s/o J.C. & N.A. Shirley	21 Aug 1887	29 April 1911	Long Branch Baptist Church
rrie E	23	Carrie E. Shirley d/o J.A. & G. Shirley	24 Feb 1902	26 Jun 1902	Shady Grove Baptist Church
arissa Poole	61	Clarissa Poole Shirley	7 Jan 1881	12 Nov 1957	Belton Cemetery
ude C	17	Claude C. Shirley	1 Jul 1887	28 Feb 1963	Neals Creek Baptist Church
nelia Boyd	98	Cornelia Boyd Shirley *	30 Sep 1858	12 Oct 1944	Eureka Baptist Church
itt S	106	Dewitt S. Shirley *	— 1876	— 1949	Whitefield Baptist Church
lie M.	83	Dollie M. Shirley	8 Nov 1912	—	Belton Cemetery
a I. Milford	126	Ella I. Milford Shirley w/o S.F. Shirley	31 Jan 1883	24 Dec 1932	Long Branch Baptist Church
la Major	17	Ella Major Shirley *	20 Nov 1865	3 Apr. 1948	Belton Cemetery
lie L	61	Ellie L. Shirley	6 Sep 1891	—	Belton Cemetery
mma S	84	Emma S. Shirley	2 Jun 1883	4 Jun 1957	Belton Cemetery
rnest R	91	Ernest R. Shirley	27 Aug 1883	2 Jul 1952	Belton Cemetery
la Dyar	178	Eula Dyar Shirley w/o Wilton C. Shirley	19 May 1910	7 Nov 1953	Neals Creek Baptist Church
lyn Simpson	94	Evelyn Simpson Shirley	19 Dec 1916	13 Nov 1972	Belton Cemetery
nces B.	91	Frances B. Shirley	— 1908	— 1974	Belton Cemetery
nces Margaret	17	Frances Margaret Shirley	25 Sep 1890	10 Oct 1951	Neals Creek Baptist Church
trude S	84	Gertrude S. Shirley	17 Jan 1915	23 Sep 1972	Belton Cemetery
bert Francis	17	Herbert Francis Shirley	28 Feb 1914	28 Feb 1914	Neals Creek Baptist Church
am B	124	Hiram B. Shirley *	— 1857	— 1890	Long Branch Baptist Church
fant Dau	124	"Infant" Shirley d/o S.F. & B.S. Shirley	—	—	Long Branch Baptist Church
fant Son	125	"Infant" Shirley s/o W.J. & Annie S. Shirley	19 Oct 1929		Long Branch Baptist Church
fant Son	126	"Infant" Shirley s/o S.F. & B.S. Shirley	—	—	Long Branch Baptist Church
a Shaw	55	Isa Shaw Shirley	27 Feb 1897	22 Oct 1964	Belton Cemetery
es C	83	James C. (Cliff) Shirley	10 Apr 1895	17 Jan 1955	Belton Cemetery
es Cater	41	James Cater Shirley	17 Oct 1894	20 June 1973	Belton Cemetery
es Clifton	47	James Clifton Shirley	— 1899	26 Sept 1984	Belton Cemetery
es Edward	94	James Edward Shirley	15 Aug 1933	25 May 1969	Belton Cemetery
es Newton	87	James Newton Shirley *	29 Nov 1860	18 Sept 1937	Belton Cemetery

HIRLEY

			Born	Died	Cemetery
mes W.	94	James W. Shirley	— 1971	— 1971	Belton Cem.
mes W.	98	James W. Shirley	24 Sep 1849	26 Mar 1922	Eureka Baptist Church
Carl	125	J. Carl Shirley	26 Aug 1854	10 Nov 1939	Long Branch Baptist Church
. Frank	61	J. Frank Shirley	28 Dec 1861	31 Jan 1927	Belton Cem.
e Harris	87	Joe Harris Shirley	3 Nov 1889	21 Mar 1973	Belton Cem.
ohn B	126	John B. Shirley s/o S.F. & E.I. Shirley	27 Jun 1918	7 Jul 1918	Long Branch Baptist Church
n Ephraim	115	John Ephraim Shirley	28 Feb 1888	18 Mar 1942	Cedar Grove Baptist Church
n Fletcher	61	John Fletcher Shirley	21 Oct 1882	2 Sep 1952	Belton Cem.
T.	125	J. T. Shirley	7 Nov 1918	24 Nov 1955	Long Branch Baptist Church
Tom	125	J. Tom Shirley	18 Aug 1887	22 Mar 1946	Long Branch Baptist Church
lia A	91	Julia A. Shirley	2 May 1864	20 July 1943	Belton Cem.
nneth Dewitt	17	Kenneth Dewitt Shirley	27 Mar 1899	19 Mar 1979	Neals Creek Baptist Church
neth Ray	17	Kenneth Ray Shirley	8 May 1910	22 May 1910	Neals Creek Baptist Church
Ernest	54	L. Ernest Shirley	10 Sep 1877	24 Feb 1952	Belton Cem.
Roy	127	Le Roy Shirley	18 Apr 1920	8 Dec 1967	Long Branch Baptist Church
this E Erskine	17	Lethis E. Erskine Shirley w/o Richard Shirley	28 Feb 1835	16 Jul 1924	Neals Creek Baptist Church
ie D.	24	Louie D. Shirley	7 May 1948	28 Dec 1948	Shady Grov Baptist Churc
ie W	24	louie W. Shirley	24 Apr 1917	14 Nov 1950	Shady Grove Baptist Church
cy C	24	Lucy C. Shirley	19 Jul 1916	25 Jan 1973	Shady Grove Baptist Church
leeza Wilkes	23	Maleeza Wilkes Shirley w/o J.A. Shirley	26 Jul 1873	5 Jul 1896	Shady Grove Baptist Church
rgie M.	96	Margie M. Shirley	29 Jan 1901	10 Oct 1971	Belton Cem.
y Ellen Clinkscales	0	Mary Ellen Clinkscales Shirley w/o J.W. Shirley	28 Nov 1861	17 Mar 1883	Rice Cem.
ry Fant	75	Mary Fant Shirley	5 Sep 1840	20 May 1906	Belton Cem.
y Harper Acker	31	Mary Harper Acker Shirley	24 Oct 1876	24 Dec 1953	Shady Grove Baptist Church
y Keaton	126	Mary Keaton Shirley	— 1859	— 1934	Long Branch Baptist Church
y O'Neil	126	Mary O. Neil Shirley d/o S.F. & E.I. Shirley	31 Jan 1915	9 Feb 1917	Long Branch Baptist Church
thie Pepper	17	Mattie Pepper Shirley w/o Kenneth Shirley	5 Jan 1898	10 Mar 1961	Neals Creek Baptist Church
ncy A.	125	Nancy A. Shirley	7 Nov 1858	7 Apr 1940	Long Branch Baptist Church
K.	18	O.K. Shirley s/o W.M & M.E. Shirley	14 Apr 1881	7 May 1883	Neals Creek Baptist Church
Jane Johnson	104	Ola Jane Johnson	— 1890	— 1983	Whitefield Baptist Church
e Kay	53	Ollie Kay Shirley	28 May 1895	28 Nov 1946	Belton Cem.
rie Cox	89	Parrie Cox Shirley	10 Oct 1861	10 Mar 1952	Belton Cem.
mond L.	94	Raymond L. Shirley	30 Nov 1910	2 Jul 1952	Belton Cem.
etta Rogers	61	Rhetta Rogers Shirley w/o S.A. (Bill) Shirley	15 Mar 1903	20 Nov 1952	Belton Cem.
hard Carter	17	Richard Carter Shirley	18 Aug 1862	16 Aug 1948	Neals Creek Baptist Church
hard D	54	Richard D. Shirley	20 Feb 1932	28 Dec 1932	Belton Cem.

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SHIRLEY			Born	Died	Cemetery
Rosannah K	17	Rosannah K. Shirley	7 Sep 1825	16 Aug 1896	Neals Creek Baptist Chur
Ross R	56	Ross R. Shirley	29 Nov 1885	8 Nov 1980	Belton C
Rufus H.	91	Rufus H. Shirley	22 Dec 1881	12 Jun 1952	Belton Ce
Ruth Cox	44	Ruth Cox Shirley (Aunt Ted)	20 Dec 1912	23 Jan 1966	Belton Ce
S.A. (Bill)	61	S.A. (Bill) Shirley	6 May 1897	17 Nov 1969	Belton C
Sallie Major	126	Sallie Major Shirley	— 1830	— 1883	Long Branch Baptist Chu
Sarah Cummings Cobb	19	Sarah Cummings Cobb Shirley	8 May 1825	22 Apr. 1902	Neals Creek Baptist Ch
S. Frank	126	S. Frank Shirley	31 Jul 1884	17 Nov 1969	Long Branch Baptist Chu
Stephen	127	Stephen Shirley (died at Petersburg, Va.)	— 1822	— 1864	Long Branch Baptist Chu
Stephen L	126	Stephen L. Shirley	22 Feb 1864	10 Feb 1945	Long Branch Baptist Chu
Sylvia Eliz.	87	Sylvia Elizabeth Shirley d/o Mr & Mrs J.H. Shirley)		14 Apr. 1937	Belton Ce
Telulah A	31	Telulah A. Shirley d/o W.P. & M.E. Shirley	13 Jan 1872	14 Aug 1872	Shady Grove Baptist Chu
Thomas A	91	Thomas A. Shirley	28 Feb 1858	10 Nov 1942	Belton Ce
Victoria Eliz.	87	Victoria Elizabeth Shirley	4 Jan 1867	5 July 1930	Belton Ce
wife of J.F.	171	_____ Shirley w/o J.F. Shirley	10 Mar 1845	29 Jan 1886	Big Creek Baptist Chu
William	17	William Shirley	27 Aug 1821	1 Oct 1914	Neals Creek Baptist Ch
William C	17	William C. Shirley	11 Jun 1896	1 Aug 1960	Neals Cre. Baptist Ch
W. Preston	89	W. Preston Shirley	22 Jun 1855	23 Jan 1937	Belton C
W. Roy	54	W. Roy Shirley	10 May 1911	—	Belton C
Yancy F	83	Yancy F. Shirley	30 Nov 1908	25 Dec 1978	Belton Ce
Y. Jane	61	Y. Jane Shirley w/o J.F. Shirley	1 May 1862	24 Nov 1904	Belton Ce

material researched, copied and sent to Shirley Association by Gary F. Shirley. THANK YOU!

LORD CULPEPER

Lord Culpeper (1600-1660), inherited his father's share of the VIRGINIA COMPANY and left England in the autumn of 1623. He died in 1660 in England.

Lord Culpeper was first married to Philippa Snelling of West Grinstead in Sussex England. She was the daughter of Sir George Snelling and CAECILIA SHERLEY, daughter of Thomas Sherley and Philippa Caryll. This Caecilia is a 3rd cousin to Cecilia Shirley who married Lord Delaware West, who established colonies in America. They are both 5th cousins to George Shirley of Ettington who married Frances Berkeley, daughter of Henry Lord Berkeley.

Thomas Culpeper of Leeds Castle, 2nd Lord Culpeper, was a large figure in the colonial history of Virginia.

Pickens County South Carolina South Carolina Cemetery Survey Vol. I
Pendleton Chapter of South Carolina Genealogical Society

			Born	Died	Cemetery
SHIRLEY					
hristine F.	203	Christine P. Shirley	— 1886	— 1967	Mt. Tabor Baptist Church
lara May	39	Clara May Shirley	— 1910	— 1960	Jameson Family Cemetery
eonard	77	Leonard Shirley	14 Feb 1898	11 May 1935	Camp Creek cemetery
essie Lee	146	Kessie Lee Shirley w/o Monroe Woodward	3 Mar 1877	26 Jun 1943	Cedar Rock Baptist Church
icena	203	Licena Shirley	* 7 Nov 1895	19(Blank)	Mt. Tabor Baptist Church
ary A	203	Mary A. Shirley	11 Mar 1890	18 May 1891	Mt. Tabor Baptist Church
yra N.	203	Myra N. Shirley	* — 1870	— 1935	Mt. Tabor Baptist Church
homas M	203	Thomas M. Shirley	* — 1870	— 1948	Mt. Tabor Baptist Church

SHIRLEY Pickens County Vol. II

rney Murphy	204	Burney Murphy Shirley w/o J. Hugh Shirley DAR No Dates			Liberty Cem.
en	205	— See Enos Tate Shirley			
os Tate	205	Enos Tate Shirley s/o H.C. & Ellen Shirley	4 Jan 1925	14 Jul 1925	Liberty Cem.
aura	46	Flaura Langford w/o William F. Shirley	* 8 Nov 1869	17 Oct 1949	Rock Springs Baptist Church
rge E	21	George E. Shirley	4 Mar 1897	18 Jun 1962	Mount Zion
C. Sr.	205	— See Enos Tate Shirley			
rvey	2	Harvey Shirley	— 1898	— 1919	Mount Zion
ttie Sue	40	Hattie Sue Shirley d/o Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Shirley	27 Feb 1941	27 Feb 1941	Rock Springs Baptist Church In Cemetery
zekiah C Sr.	2	Hezekiah C. Shirley Sr.	* 22 Sep 1852	29 Sep 1944	Harlingen Tx ?
fant	2	"Infant" Shirley d/o Dr. L.T. & Lucia Shirley	—	1900	Mount Zion
Hugh	204	J. Hugh Shirley Pvt 5 Regt. WWI	16 Sep 1892	6 May 1946	Liberty Cem
P.	40	— See Hattie Sue Shirley			
ohn F	9	John F. Shirley	30 Nov 1894	9 Feb 1954	Mount Zion
.T.	2	Dr. L.T. Shirley	* — 1859	— 1918	Mount Zion
anner S	9	Luanner S. Shirley	23 Jun 1897	3 Jan 1969	Mount Zion
cia Gainer	2	Lucia Gainer Shirley	* — 1869	-- 1951	Mount Zion
ary B	21	Mary B. Shirley	14 Nov 1910	16 Feb 1977	Mount Zion
ary E	205	Mary E. Shirley w/o H.C. Shirley	* — 1862	— 1921	Liberty Cem
lliam F	46	William F. Shirley	* 28 Oct 1861	29 Jun 1946	Rock Springs Baptist Church

* = Birth before December 31, 1879

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REPORT ON AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND TRIP

The trip to meet Shirleys in Australia and New Zealand was a great success! I am happy to report that an everlasting bond was made between us and the Shirleys down under!

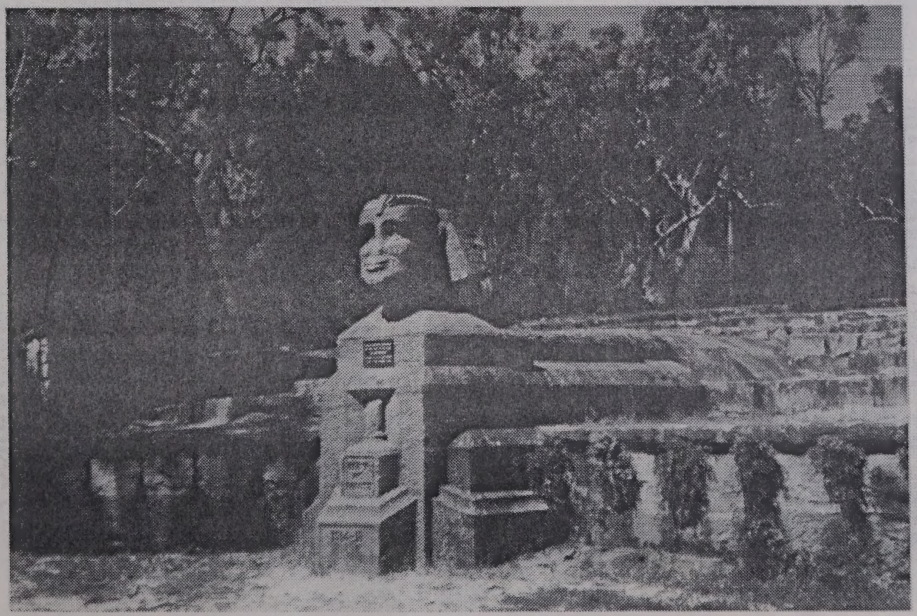
There are so many things I could tell about but I think the most impressive and fulfilling place I visited was the sphinx cut from a solid rock by an inmate of a nearby hospital in 1925 & 1926. Mr. W.T. Shirley had been gassed during the war in Egypt. The original Sphinx in Egypt is THE GREAT SPHINX OF GIZEH. It is 65 ft. high and 177 ft. in length. W.T. Shirley would walk thru the woods about ½ mile to this site and work on the stone.

About 85 Shirleys met us in Auckland NZ and 65 in Sydney Australia.

Our plane was delayed three hours on the ground in Los Angeles on take off to Auckland NZ. Small part could not be found and we were ready to disembark for the night when it was suddenly found, fixed and then we were on our way!

The first evening in Auckland, I ate at one of the nice restaurants, took a taxis back to hotel, went in and prepared for bed. As I washed up, I noticed how ill I suddenly was feeling. In seconds I was itching all over. My throat started swelling closed and we called for a doctor and I was rushed to the hospital to emergency. I was alergic to a spice in the meat sauce I had eaten. The rest of the trip went well!

Yes, I SURVIVED THE EARTHQUAKE! Thank you for all the calls of concern. For those who did not realize it, I live 10 miles from the epicenter. Few broken dishes etc. House is fine. Wished the aftershocks would stop!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHILIP SHIRLEY, eldest son of Major John and Judith Shirley of Ettington Park in England, was married September 30th, 1989. CONGRATULATIONS !

The Shirley Association is proud to announce there will soon be a SHIRLEY spoon available. The spoon will be a collectable item and great for gift giving. It is being designed for us now with Shirley coat of arms etc.

8th SHIRLEY CONVENTION BEING PLANNED for June 1990 in the Nashville, Tenn. or Kentucky area. Details next issue!

Another trip similar to the Boston, New York, Pa. and Virginia trip is in the making. It will coincide with the Shirley convention dates as did the previous trip. Proposed locations will be Shirley related places in Kentucky, Tenn. S.C., Ga. Ala. and Mississippi. As always, we will include some tourist attractions too! Further details and costs in next edition of the NEWS.

Major John and Judith Shirley postponed their visit with me until next year.

Additional report on my trip to New Zealand. The article read elsewhere in this NEWS was also used in the Shirley International NEWS. This story could NOT be included in that issue. But I thought you would be interested to hear this:

There was a Shirley who attended the meeting who had not attended an earlier Shirley gathering a few years ago in N.Z. of his own branch of the family. The organizer of the earlier reunion said to me how thrilled she was that this Mr. Shirley had come today. I learned he is a well known radio personality in N.Z. It seems his parents split when he was about 7 years old and he has really had no use for the Shirleys because it was a difficult divorce...etc. I am pleased to announce that he came at the insistance of his wife. They came a long distance to be there. When I learned which person it was they were referring to, I was surprised for he had talked to me earlier. He not only became interested about the Shirleys during the course of the day but purchased one of everything I brought with me. I have received a letter from his wife and he is busy reading and studying about his family from Stemmata Shirleianna and they were delighted to have come to the meeting to learn about the Shirleys.

In Australia I had another experience that I could not actually write up in their NEWS edition.

At the Sydney meeting, several stood and introduced themselves and said they were cousins of those who had helped me organize this day. What I did not know until after the meeting was that these cousins had not seen one another or had a family gathering since they were children. Seems their parents before them had a bit of a falling out with one another and the children who now are in their 60-70's just this day came together. They now plan on holding family reunions.

One of the gentleman who attended the Sydney Australia meeting was a Philip Shirley who went to London in 1936. He worked as an accountant for several years. Later he became Vice Chairman of the British Railways, and then Deputy Chairman of Gunard Steamship Company in London. This is the company that owns the cruise ship, Queen Elizabeth II (QE II). He returned to Australia in 1972 after his wife died.

Another Shirley and related to Philip, designs silos. He asked me if I had seen the blue ones here in the states. He was working on a project of several millions dollars when we were there. He will be coming to Chicago this month for a business meeting.

I'll see if I can learn more about these silos and storage tanks etc.

"Kentucky Headhunters"

Who are the Kentucky Headhunters??? They are the sons of our James Young of Barren County Kentucky. James is a descendant of Thomas and Mollie Grubbs Shirley.

Richard and Fred Young wrote all but three of the songs on their first album due to be released October 16th. They appeared on the TNN (Shotgun Red program) on Sept. 16th.

Fred was the drummer for Sylvia, another TNN personality.

The name of their single is "Walk Softly on this Heart of Mine".

I talked with James recently and he told me about the boys video which will be seen on TNN. He said the video was shot in front of the old YOUNG AND SHIRLEY store. James, his wife and daughter and grandchildren are also shown in the video as well as Jacky, the black gentleman, who lives there too!

James Young has agreed to show us around his area next year when we have the next SHIRLEY CONVENTION!

We wrote about this fantastic place several years ago in the Jan. 1982 page 1 & 2 Shirley News. I have been back to visit James again a couple of years ago.

For you who may not have that back issue, the store dates back to very early 1900's and still contains merchandise, the old pot belly stove and various antiques of early Barren Co. Ky. The store has been closed for many many years. It is like stepping back in time!

So many of our members roots are from the Shirleys of Barren Co. Ky. To be able to have someone to show you where Granny Springs is, where some of the old houses stood, where old cemetaries are, the location of unmarked graves of early Shirleys... This is one opportunity you should take advantage of. More next issue.

NOTICE TO SHIRLEYS...

In 1983, the U.S Treasury, Comptroller of currence, released unclaimed property (contents of safe deposit boxes), from the bank closings of the 1930's. Contents usually include things like legal and financial documents and personal papers. The details along with a list of about 23,000 names of depositors may be found in the June 29, 1983 issue of "The Federal Register". This can be found in major libraries in the government section.

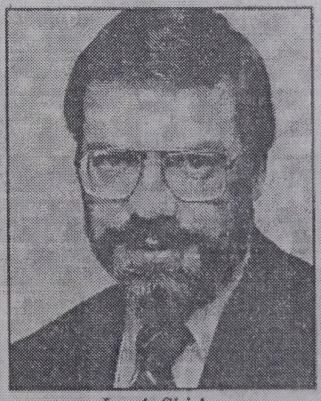
The list was scanned and the following was listed...

SHIRLEY LABORATORIES...The Hyde Park-Kenwood National Bank of Chicago, Ill.

BEN P. SHIRLEY... First National Bank Detroit, Mich.

Do you know who these people were or are? Pass the word on to them or heirs.

Material submitted by: Gordon Seyffert.



Jon A. Shirley
President
Microsoft Corp.

A few years ago someone wrote asking if I knew what branch of the Shirleys this Jon Shirley descended. I had not heard of Microsoft at that time. Since then, I have talked with him and his mother has been a member of the Assoc. He descends from the Pickens Co. Ala. Shirleys.

Control Systems helps computerize grain elevators

By John Schneidawind
Financial Writer

Behind the nondescript storefront at 1317 Central in Kansas City, Kan., is an unobtrusive company with a major stake in grain markets all over the world.

The people at Control Systems Inc., who estimate they will gross $12.8 million this year after a $9.5 million year in 1982, prefer it that way. The company, which employs 120 people throughout the world and 50 in the Kansas City area, prefers the low profile. Its president, J.N. Shirley, and his son, Nelson, who serves as vice president, are soft-spoken businessmen who know their markets and don't have many competitors.

At least not yet. According to Jan Elzey, president of R.S. Fling & Partners, a grain industry consultant based in Columbus, Ohio, the automation of grain elevators to ensure greater safety and lower insurance costs is a growing industry. But it has been stymied in recent years by substantial declines in capital expenditures by major grain elevator operators. According to Mr. Elzey, spending in the industry declined from about $150 million in 1980 to $30 million last year.

After a stint at Bendix Corp., the elder Mr. Shirley started the company in 1969, manufacturing control and microwave heat-treatment systems for the government. In 1975 the firm entered world grain markets with systems that could keep track of all grades and types of grain, an invaluable asset to grain elevator operators. Now the company markets the systems all over the world, primarily where grain changes hands most frequently. According to Nelson Shirley, those areas are the Gulf Coast of the United States, Australia and Canada.

Thus, although the Midwest is considered the grain capital of the world, and although CSI was founded in Kansas City and has every intention of staying, little of its business is done here.

"There's very little work done in the Kansas City area," Nelson Shirley said. "Most of these facilities don't move grain quickly."

The move to the Australian grain market was made after careful planning and was not the result of the country's increased market share after the Russian invasion of Afghanistan prompted the United States to temporarily block the sale of grain to the Soviet Union in 1980. Of course, the embargo didn't hurt CSI's business any.

"We've been working on the Australian business for the last three or four years," Nelson Shirley said. "But two or three years before the embargo Australia was expanding its export terminals tremendously. It's fortunate that we're in that market."

Many of the systems that CSI markets are custom-designed for each grain elevator. But they all use groups of processors to control specific areas of a grain elevator, as opposed to having a large, mainframe computer handle the starting and stopping of particular pieces of machinery.

The principle is known as "distributed processing," according to Nelson Shirley, and the devices in such an arrangement are known as "stand alone" in data processing terms because each has its own assigned task and sufficient intelligence, or software, to accomplish a particular task.

Such equipment is not entirely independent because the units exchange data regularly. But each unit is programmed with sufficient intelligence to allow it to operate in a prescribed manner if it loses communications with other elements of the system, according to Nelson Shirley.

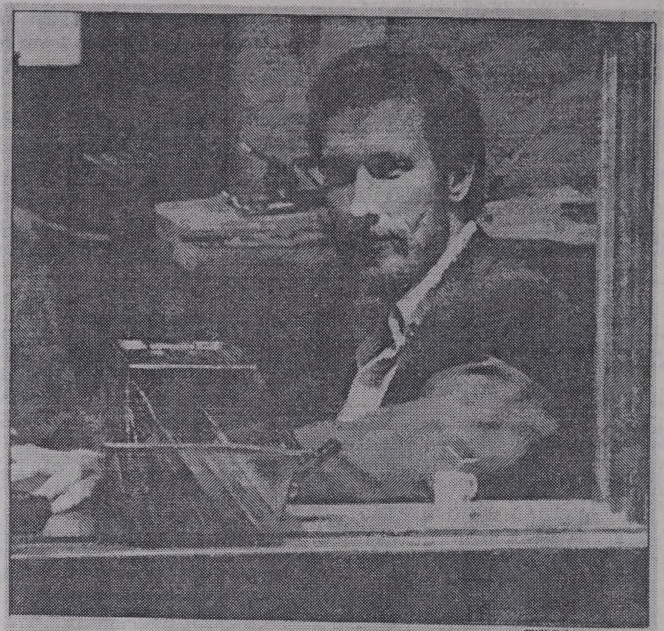
Making the system perform such manual functions in "real time" is a complicated task, requiring the development of sophisticated software, Nelson Shirley said. The information entered into most computers in an office environment doesn't have to be processed right away. But in grain-handling applications, "the information in this computer has to come out in fractions of a second," he said.

The systems that CSI markets can sort various grades and types of grain automatically as the grain is delivered instead of having human operators push the switches that start and stop the equipment handling each grade. The systems also can restore unit trains to their original order once their contents have been dumped into appropriate grain bins.

CSI systems also feature sophisticated color graphics displays — alternatives to conventional graphic control panels — that portray overhead schematic displays of a grain facility. If something goes wrong with one area of a grain facility its color changes, notifying operators of a potential problem.

The systems that CSI markets cost between $1 million and $3 million, according to Nelson Shirley, depending on a particular facility's needs.

Because of a desire not to be highly leveraged, the elder Mr. Shirley sold half of CSI's stock in 1980 to Motherwell Bridge Holdings Ltd., a firm based in Scotland involved in offshore oil and gas drilling. According to Nelson Shirley, the arrangement helps CSI finance its projects throughout the world without borrowing from banks. It also makes it easier for the firm to set up operations in countries without encountering a lot of red tape with foreign investment review boards.



Cliff Schlappa/Staff

Nelson Shirley, vice president of Control Systems Inc., gazes out a window that looks out on a hallway inside the firm's building, which used to be an apartment building.

The article on the previous page was sent to me in 1983 and I decided to print it in the NEWS. Another interesting Shirley family.

I called Mr. J.N. Shirley a couple of days ago to see what I could learn about HIS Shirley ancestory. Sorry to say, he only knew his fathers name...May Shirley. I asked if he would have been born before 1900 and he said yes. I then asked if he knew where he was born. His reply was, in Carroll Co. Missouri.

Later that day I began looking thru my Carroll Co. Mo.
I found May in his parents household in the 1900 census. He was listed as May B. Shirley born January 1881 in Missouri. His father is listed as James S. b. July 1847 Missouri.

This is the household as is appears in 1900 census:

James S. July 1847 Mo.
Sarah J. June 1858 Miss.
May B. Jan 1881 Mo.
Frank T. Oct. 1882 Mo
Elzie W. (male) July 1884
Stella June 1886 Mo
Ray (Roy ?) Aug 1889 Mo
Ethel E. Aug 1891 Mo
Marshel Aug 1891 Mo.

(step children)
Starnie Jones 1881 Miss.
Alva Jones 1886 Miss.
Allie Turner (niece) 1877 Miss.

I looked up the 1850 census to see who James S. Shirley was the son of and this is the lineage and information.

James is the son of Caleb and Phebe (Gibbons) Shirley and Caleb was the son of James and Mary(McMekin) Shirley of Barren Co. Kentucky.

James S. Shirley was born July 4th, 1847 and died April 1, 1916. He is buried in the Smith Cemetery, Mandeville in Carroll Co. Mo. He married 1st Amanda J. Cochran and she died January 19, 1995 and is buried in same cemetery.

In the 1880 census, James S. and Amanda is listed and a male child, Impey W. b. 1879 Mo.

It would appear from the 1900 census that James married 2nd to Sarah J. JONES as the step children are JONES.

Additional information on this family will be apreciated by the Shirley Association!

Santa makes a special trip

FATHER Christmas hops aboard a tram at the Crich Tramway Museum in Derbyshire.

Santa Specials start running this weekend at the museum and will also be running on December 17 and 18.

He will be driving around in stylish trams such as the 85-year-old Southampton Number 45 pictured.

THIS APPEARED IN AN ENGLAND NEWS PAPER LAST YEAR. THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GENTLE REMINDER OF THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS !!! Yes, it's that time !

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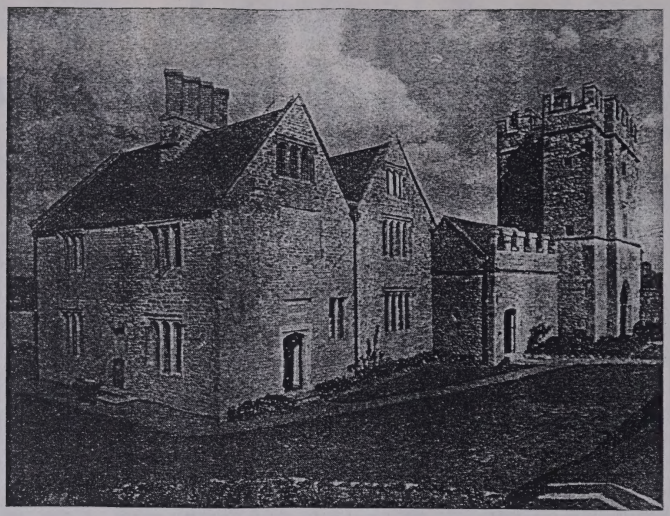

ASTWELL MANOR HOUSE

THE LOVETTS

In 1453 Arthur Brooke, of a Warwickshire family, was in possession, and in 1471 his son William exchanged the manors of Astwell and Falcutt with one Thomas Lovett for the manors of Rushton and Great Oakley near Kettering.[9] Thomas Lovett's daughter, Margaret, married John, son of William Brooke.

Soon after Thomas Lovett came to Astwell —this was in Edward IV's reign—he set to work to build the manor house anew, and the surviving gate-house is part of his work. The rest of the house was built round a courtyard; there was a moat, and, said the Ministry of Works in 1958, "it must have been an imposing place". Four generations of Lovetts lived here and the family was of some standing in the County, for three different Thomas Lovetts served as High Sheriff in the reigns respectively of Edward IV, Henry VII, and Elizabeth I.[10] The last Thomas Lovett of Astwell, who died in 1586,[11] married Elizabeth Fermor of Easton Neston, and their only child Jane, by her marriage with John, younger son of Francis Shirley of Ragsdale and Staunton Harold in Leicestershire, carried Astwell into the Shirley family.

THE SHIRLEYS

John Shirley, the husband of Jane Lovett, died in 1570 leaving a son, George, who, born in 1559, inherited Staunton Harold in 1571, and Astwell (on the death of his Lovett grandfather) in 1586.

The Shirleys were by far the most interesting of the owners of Astwell, and, in fact, managed to produce contemporaneously a murderer and the founder of a religious sect, who may be presumed to have cancelled each other out.

With George Shirley the light at last begins to shine brightly on Astwell. He was a man highly typical of his age. Educated at Hart Hall, Oxford, he received some training at one of the Inns of Court and later served for a while with the Earl of Leicester in Holland.[12] On succeeding to Astwell, with which he immediately fell in love, he became henceforth a Northamptonshire rather than a Leicestershire man and was sheriff of the County in the year that Queen Elizabeth died.

Early in the next reign he demolished the greater part of the manor house, and, smitten with the building fever then raging among Northamptonshire squires, built himself a large and beautiful mansion alongside old Thomas Lovett's tower. The new house, which had gables and mullioned windows in the prevailing style, was completed in about 1606. There were over forty rooms, including a hall, a chapel, a great and a little parlour, and a gallery hung with twenty-four pictures, as we know from an inventory of 1622 which gives the names of all the rooms.[13] These and also the tower were luxuriously furnished with court cupboards, four-poster beds, chairs and stools covered with velvet, needle-work or leather, green and red rugs, hangings and "carpets" of arras, velvet cushions, coloured window curtains, chests, cabinets, long oak tables with benches and joint stools, two pair of virginals, a "harpsicall", a bell to ring to prayers, etc., etc., etc. With a small army of servants inside and out, a stableful of horses, at least three coaches, those were surely the greatest days of Astwell when for beauty and importance it must have ranked with such places as Fawsley, Deene, or Great Oakley Hall. George signed the work of his period with his initials and coat of arms in several rooms, the example on the stone mantel-piece in the sitting room of the present house being the only one now surviving.

George Shirley "with many gallant gentlemen" conducted James I across Northamptonshire on his way south at his accession, and was one of the first batch of baronets created by that monarch. An open-handed man, "relieving during the great dearth 500 a day at his gates", he reminds us of his contemporary the first Lord Montagu of Boughton on the other side of the County.[14] The year of the "great dearth" was 1608.

Shirley's religious position was ambiguous, unless, which we doubt, he was an arrant hypocrite. He was an avowed Roman Catholic,

and therefore placed on the list of suspected Papists in Northamptonshire.[15] All his armour and weapons were removed from Astwell House in his absence over-seas in 1618 on the plea that his servants were recusants. Lord Exeter, then Lord Lieutenant, thereupon wrote to the Privy Council on his behalf that "he had always been loyal and forward in service and declared himself no recusant".[16] Three years later his arms were restored to him. He was certainly an outward conformer to the Church of England, and the following letter to Dr. Lambe, Chancellor of the Diocese of Peterborough, from four of the local clergy, suggests very strongly that his attendance at her services was more than a mere formality. He was perhaps one of those who had "the true unity, which is most glorious because inward and spiritual".

> "May it please you, Sir, Whereas we whose names are hereunder written are intreated by Sir George Shirley of Astwell in your Countie of Northampton Barronet, to certifie our knowledge to your worship of his conformitie in coming to the church and hearing devine service and sermons there, upon Sundays and Hollydayes, according to the lawe in that case; we do hereby certifie you that the said Sir George Shirley (being an old gent. and his house farr from the parish churche) and having an auntient previledged chappell in his house, hathe, according to the booke of Common Prayer, service red in the same chappell by Mr. Jones, a Batchelor in Divinitie and Chaplen in his house, who hathe of him a yearely stipend for reading prayer and preaching there, to which service and sermons himselfe, his Ladie and his familie doe come verie orderly, and we doe further certifie your worship that we ourselves doe verie often every yeare in the absence of his said chaplen, or when we are thereunto entreated by the said Sir George Shirley, com thether and read service and preache in his said chappell to him, his Ladie and his familie; and this with remembrance of our humble dutie we committ you to God, and rest,
>
> Your worship's allwayes to command,
> Rich' Lewis (S.T.P.) [Vicar of Brackley].
> Willm. Jonnes (Clerk) [Rector of Syresham].
> Chr. Middleton (Clerk) [Rector of Aston-le-Walls].
> Edwarde Wade (Clerk) [Rector of Holdenby and Church Brampton].
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> Dated the 23 of Januar. 1618 [1619].[17]

Sir George Shirley, in the words of his son, Thomas, died on 27th April, 1622, aged 63, "in the bosom of his mother, the Roman Catholick Church".[18]

On the death of Sir George, his descendants did not entirely desert Astwell. Sir Robert, the 4th baronet, lived there as a boy during the early years of the Civil War,[19] and his widow made it her home for many years. The house was kept up and the family probably came for a part of each year, but they took little or no part in the affairs of the County and inclined more and more to Staunton Harold and their other residences.

Sir Robert Shirley, the 7th baronet, became Lord Ferrers of Chartley when this ancient barony was called out of abeyance by Charles II in 1677. In 1711 he was created Earl Ferrers by Queen Anne. His chief claim to distinction, however, was the number of his children. By his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Lawrence Washington of Garsden, (Wilts) he had 17 and by his second wife 10, "besides some 30 natural children".[20]

During the life-time of his son Washington, the second Earl Ferrers, John Bridges was at work on his history of Northamptonshire, and has preserved for us a glimpse of what "Astwell, an old seat of Earl Ferrers" as he called it, looked like 240 years ago.

> "Behind the gate-house is a little court and an entry into the hall. The hall windows project *en ronde* and have battlements over them. The wainscot and chimney pieces in several rooms are adorned with the arms of the family and with other carved work: and the windows, which are of chrystal, are stained with flowers, birds, horses and other ornaments. At the east end of the great parlour was formerly a chapel, where Dr. Sheldon, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr. Dolben, afterwards Archbishop of York, are said to have successively officiated as chaplains to the family".[21]

Of this Lord Ferrers a contemporary wrote: "He keeps as hospitable an house and entertains as nobly as any peer of the realm",[22] but on the whole the second and third earls were quite unremarkable people. Not so the fourth,—Laurence Shirley (1720-1760)—who succeeded his uncle, the third earl, in 1745. Of him Burke writes in his *Peerage*:—

> "Although not bereaved of intellect, this nobleman frequently evinced strong symptoms of a constitutional violence of temper; and in one of the paroxisms of rage habitual with his lordship put to death his own confidential land-steward, an aged gentleman of the name of Johnson".

Lord Ferrers wished to evict Johnson from his farm, and failing to do so, got him into his room at Staunton Harold, locked the door, pulled a pistol out of his pocket and shot him. He was tried by his peers in Westminster Hall, found guilty of murder, and sentenced to death. During his imprisonment in the Tower of London before his execution, he was several times visited by his cousin Selina, Countess of Huntingdon (of whom more below).

Ferrers decided to die in the grand manner, even though it was the death of a felon. When the fatal day arrived he put on a suit embroidered with silver and was driven from the Tower to Tyburn in his own landau drawn by six horses, and, according to tradition, was hanged with the silken cord which was the privilege of a peer instead of the hempen rope used for common murderers.[23] A vast multitude of people assembled to watch the execution for which the "new drop" (just introduced instead of the cart, ladder and medieval gibbet) was used for the first time. Tyburn gallows stood close to the site of the Marble Arch on the boundary of the parishes of St. Marylebone and Westminster.

[9] Sir Edward de Capell-Brooke, Bt., of Great Oakley, is the descendant of Arthur Brooke.
[10] V.C.H., *Northants Families*, List of Sheriffs, pp. 369, 370.
[11] Shirley Pedigree (Baker, I, p. 733, quoting Esc. 29 Eliz. n.165).
[12] *Stemmata Shirleiana*, (1841), by E. P. Shirley.
[13] *Ibid.*, pp. 71-74, where extracts are given.
[14] N.R.S.VII, p. xxii. Lord Montagu would feed as many as 1,200 in a day.
[15] *Ibid.*, p. 225. [16] *Ibid.*, p. xlv, n.
[17] *Stemmata Shirleiana*, p. 67. The identifications of the clergy are from H. I. Longden, *Northants and Rutland Clergy*, 1500-1900.
[18] B.M., Harl. MS. 4928, p. 101B., quoted in *Stemmata Shirleiana*. This Thomas Shirley, according to E. P. Shirley, was "a most violent and bigoted Papist." (*Stemmata Shirleiana*, p. 94).
[19] He was a zealous Royalist and died in the Tower

SULGRAVE MANOR

Sulgrave Manor is a small manor-house, built by a Lancashireman born at Warton about 1500. His ancestry, and the family name, can be traced back to the manor of Wessington in County Durham about the end of the twelfth century.

Lawrence Washington himself left Warton, where he was employed by Sir William Parr, uncle of Henry VIII's last Queen, and moved about 1530 to Northamptonshire, where Parr had large interests. At about this time he married Elizabeth Gough, widow of a rich woolstapler of the town of Northampton. Here he flourished sufficiently as a wool merchant to become Mayor in 1532. He had already acquired land in the county, and leased a house in the village of Sulgrave, when the opportunity fell to him in 1539, at the dissolution of the minor monastic houses, to buy from the Crown for the sum of £324 14*s.* 10*d.* the manor of Sulgrave, which had belonged to the Priory of St. Andrew at Northampton. His first wife died childless shortly after this, and he then married another widow, Amy Tomson, daughter of Robert Pargiter of Greatworth, a neighbouring village. By her he had four sons and seven daughters. We cannot tell whether it was the increased size of his family or ever greater prosperity (he was Mayor of Northampton again in 1545) that induced him to build the house, the remaining parts of which are now seen by visitors.

The date at which the house was completed can be fixed by architectural evidence at about 1560; he survived until 1584. His eldest son Robert continued to live in the house until his death in 1619, and for six years after that it was occupied by Robert's widow Anne. Meanwhile, however, in 1601, Robert had transferred actual ownership of the house to his eldest son, Lawrence; and while his father was still living there, in 1610, Lawrence sold the reversion of it to his cousin Lawrence Makepeace, the son of the builder's daughter Mary. He took up residence in 1626, and the Makepeaces retained it until 1659, so that the house was in the ownership of the builder's family for almost a century after its building was completed.

In 1656, three years before the Makepeaces disposed of the house, John Washington, grandson of the Lawrence who sold it to them and son of the Rev. Lawrence Washington, emigrated to Virginia. We may conjecture whether he did so for business reasons or otherwise; but it is not unreasonable to suppose that he was discouraged by the treatment meted out to his father during the Civil War between Charles I and Parliament. The Rev. Lawrence Washington had strong royalist affiliations. His brother, Sir William Washington, was brother-in-law of the King's favourite, George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham; another brother, Thomas, had been page to the King on his voyage to Madrid in 1623; yet another, Sir John Washington was a prominent royalist; and Sir William's son, Colonel Henry Washington, actually held Worcester for the King and fought for him at Edgehill in 1642. The Rev. Lawrence Washington was ousted from the good living he held at Purleigh in Essex in 1643 and eked out a meagre existence thereafter.

It was, therefore, no healthy climate for a man with John's family connections that he left behind him in England in 1656. His son, yet another Lawrence, and his grandson Augustine paid temporary visits to England. But the family's settlement in Virginia was permanent. There, in 1732, was born John's great-grandson George, first President of the United States; and there he died, childless, in 1799.

It will be seen that George's direct ancestors had played no very prominent part in the history of England, although some members of the family attained distinction as soldiers and lawyers. The builder's second son, Lawrence, became Registrar of the Court of Chancery, and so did his son, also called Lawrence, who was knighted. But the family fortunes were firmly based in the first instance on wool. Lawrence the builder, besides his connection with Sir William Parr, had family ties with Sir Thomas Kytson of Hengrave Hall and with the still more important Spencer family of Althorp, not far from Sulgrave. Both Lawrence and his eldest son, Robert, made acquisitions of land. Robert's son, Lawrence, became tenant, and possibly agent, of his Spencer kinsman, and was buried at Great Brington, the village nearest Althorp. He was born at Sulgrave, as was also his son, the Rev. Lawrence Washington. John, the emigrant, is thought to have been born about 1632, when his father was still Rector of Purleigh and the Manor in the occupation of the Makepeaces.

GENEALOGICAL TREE OF THE WASHINGTON FAMILY

(1) Elizabeth Gough = LAWRENCE WASHINGTON = (2) Amy Tomson, *née* Pargiter
builder of Sulgrave, born *c.* 1500, died 1583/4

Lawrence Washington, Registrar of the Court of Chancery

ROBERT WASHINGTON born 1540, died 1619
(1) Elizabeth Light = (2) Anne Fisher

Mary Washington = Abel Makepeace

Sir Lawrence Washington, Registrar of the Court of Chancery

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON = Margaret Butler
born *c.* 1568, sold reversion of Sulgrave 1610, died 1616

Lawrence Makepeace bought Sulgrave 1610

Sir William Washington

Sir John Washington

REV. LAWRENCE WASHINGTON = Amphyllis Twigden
M.A., B.D., born 1604, died 1652/3

Abel Makepeace sold Sulgrave 1659

COL. Henry Washington

COL. JOHN WASHINGTON = Anne Pope
born 1632/3, emigrated to Virginia 1656, died 1677

CAPT. LAWRENCE WASHINGTON = Mildred Warner
born 1659, died 1697/8

(1) Jane Butler = CAPT. AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON = (2) Mary Ball
born 1692/3, died 1743

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON = Martha Custis, *née* Dandridge
born 22 February 1732, died without issue 14 December 1799

It should be noted that Astwell House and Sulgrave Manor are about 4 country miles from one another. The Washingtons and the Shirley were neighbors. Only a few farms are in that 4 miles mentioned even as I visited this area this year.

In Virginia John Washington was a pioneer settler of the Northern Neck. So were the Shirleys!

One branch of the Shirleys say their traditional family story is that George Washington and their Shirley attended school together.

In Virginia, George Washington was the surveyor of Walter Shirleys land.

Elizabeth Washington Shirley wife of the 1st Earl Ferrers of England was a 3rd cousin to Col. John Washington who emigrated to Virginia in 1656.

As you can see the Washingtons and the Shirleys seem to have a running relationship and/or bond through the generations.

THE WASHINGTON FAMILY, GEORGE, & WILLIAM SHIRLEY

John Washington was a pioneer settler of the Northern Neck (the area between Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers), along the lower Potomac in Westmoreland County, sometime prior to 1660.

In 1674, John Washington and Nicholas Spencer were granted 500 acres along the upper Potomac between Dogue and Little Hunting Creek, by Thomas Lord Culpeper. In 1690 the tract was divided between Lawrence, son of John Washington and the heirs of Nicholas Spencer. From Lawrence the Washington half of the grant, then known as Huntington Creek Plantation, passed to a daughter, Mildred. In 1726 Augustine Washington purchased it from Mildred and her husband, Roger Gregory.

IN 1735, George Washington was three years old. Their family moved from Pope Creek in Westmoreland County to the Hunting Creek Plantation. Four years later they moved to Ferry Farm on the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg.

In 1740 Augustine Washington deeded Little Hunting Creek Plantation to Lawrence who married in 1743 and settled there. He renamed it Mt. Vernon in honor of Admiral Vernon whom he had served under in the Carribean.

In 1743, Augustine Washington died and George spent part of his youth with his elder ½ brother at Mt. Vernon. Lawrence died in 1752 His will made George exec. and residuary heir of the estate in the event that Sarah, Lawrence's daughter, died without male heirs. Two months later she died with out children, and George then 20 years old, inherited Mt. Vernon.

He was appointed a Major in the Virginia Militia at that same age. The following year, 1753, Governor Robert Dinwiddie of Virginia sent Washington to warn the French against encroachments in territory claimed by Virginia. The following year, Washington commissioned a Leiutenant Colonel. In 1755, he was appointed aide-de-camp to Major General Braddock. commander in Chief of the British forces in America. Braddock was killed in the encounter at Ft. Du-quesne to rout the French.

William Shirley of Boston, Mass. became commander of the British Forces upon Braddocks death in 1755. Williams Shirleys son, William Shirley, Jr. was secretary to Braddock and died with Braddock.

In Feb. of 1756, George Washington went to Boston to meet with Governor William Shirley. A booklet etitled "When Candles Glowed in Shirley Place" tells a story about this journey....

The Day George Washington arrived, Governor William Shirley and his daughter, Harriet Temple and grandaughter Shirley had gone by coach to visit his oldest daughter, Eliza and her husband, Eliahim Hutchinson.

"Servants scurried about dropping and picking up bundles, The sisters embraced as best they could despite wigs, caps, shawls and excess shirtage. Little Shirley had kisses for everyone & a deep curtsy for aunt and uncle Hutchinson. Then she fairly danced over the blue and white tesselated hall floor to hug Maria, her youngest aunt, who came running downstairs eagar for the latest news and books from England---a British boat was in port.

Eliza inspected her little niece with satisfaction. "Really, Harriet, you must let me take her to London in a few years time. Through our kinsman, the Duke of Newcastle, we could have her presented at court.

British welded Eliza could remember, as a child, having been dandled on the ducal knee.

Never would she forget it, nor would her sisters, who were constantly reminded of how things were done before the Shirleys came to America in 1731--- father, mother and 8 children.

William liked Boston and Boston like him. He had progressed steadily from properous lawyer to popular Governor of the Bay Colony.

Political contacts with the Mother country and with those in high office were important to the officials here and Mistress Shirley spent considerable time in England. She discharged her duties well but died shortly before the new mansion was finished and now lay in Kings Chapel under a flower Latin epitaph. Eliza had taken over the duties and care of Governor's home and had seen to it that the Shirley furnishings were the best to be had. Always thrifty, however, she was conscientiouly wringing the last ray of light out of the fast darkening day. She now pulled a bell rope and requested a maid to light the candles.

"We may as well look as gay as we can. inspite of our sorrow, for we are expecting a visitor", she announced.

"Williams friend?" queried Harriet. "Yes", a colonel from Virginia. Although on General Braddock's staff, he luckily escaped disaster. Father met him at Alezandria last spring and was much impressed with him. He loved our brother. "She bade the maid stir up the fire and throw on some cloves which gave out a spicy aroma.

Pepper, William's dog, began to bark and looking out, they could see the young colonel cantering down the drive.

"A cordial welcome to you, Colonel Washington", exclaimed the Governor, holding out both hands to his visitor who had come from Mt. Vernon to condole with a sorrowing father, and to discuss military affairs with him, his present commander.

Courteously returning the greeting, George Washington looked eagarly into the face of the grey-wigged 62 year old man who with a word, could control his future course.

As they gathered around the big fire, Harriet gazed mournfully at her mother's protrait over the mantle flanked by titled cousins and murmured a word of thanfulness that at least she had been spared the sorrow of hearing the tale of her eldest son's death. Young John, the second son, had died in the Crown Point campaign. Their only living brother, Thomas, was at this time in London.

Sympathelically, Geroge described Williams bravery and how he had been shot in the early part of the battle. His horse was killed and Geroge himself had 2 horses shot under him. Like his chief, William had been bried secretly for fear of molestation by the Indians.

Althought this action had taken place the summer before, the family had heard few details, which George Washington supplied.

Dinner over, the family retired and George at last found himself alone with his commander.

Our vital need, Governor Shirley said, is strong leaders, properly trained men who understand border warfare and the character of Indian attack. As you know, I go to England shortly. I will make the situation known to Mr. Pitt. He is a man of resource in whom we can trust. Here we want men of action who won't despise the colonials. You brave Virginians put up a noble fight, Colonel.

George looked pleased. "I begged General Braddock not to keep men in solid formation and was no little jeered at for suggesting dressing them in wood colors. Their bright

red uniforms drew constant fire from the Indians. Mr. Franklin, I understand, warned them that their fine feathers make them easy prey and made merry over their wigs and stiff socks for a battle in the forest and wilderness.

When I heard the bullets at Great Meadows, I was caught in a whirl of excitement, but I could see folly when Braddock insisted on constantly reforming the platoons. A brave General, he had five horses shot under him before receiving his fatal wound.

Your son and I both feared the matching of drill formations against the wiles of the woods. It had taken us 10 days to march 24 miles with heavy baggage trains. In a month we covered less than 100 miles. The battle was all disorder and confusion. Never before had the British heard those war hoops and the men panic stricken, broke and ran while our Virginians held the fringe of the woods with wonderful courage. Nothing else saved his Majesty's troops from complete massacre. Washingtons tone was bitter. The horror and disappointment rambled but he added, To our surprise and relief, their was no persuit by either French or Indians.

A lesson learned at horrendous cost, Shirley groaned, but learned- I devoutly hope!

George drew from his pocket a quill pen. This, sir, was you son's We visited together the evening before the battle and he left it in my tent.

George began making some sketches on a blank sheet of paper near his hand. Shirley looked in this direction and George explained: "This represents a hill nearby which I believe you call Dortchester Heights. In case of a siege, Boston would be completely at the mercy of a line of cannon on this eminence".

"Indeed" Shirley leaned over farther and George proceeded to calculate the number of men required and just how the cannon should be faced and where ascents might be attempted.

Always confident and accurate in military matters, George's eagerness intrigued the older man. Shirley's keen eye preceived plenty of merit in George's suggestions. Then feeling his son's pen in his hand, realized he had not yet expressed his gratitude with the memento.

"William hoped to make a name for himself by his pen, as you, I receive, hope to make yours by the sword".

Washington replied,"General Braddock is gone, sir, and our forces scattered. Who is to protect our borders, our brave pioneer families? Do you have men of sufficient experience? You yourself, I know, campaigned nobly.

At last the vexing problen could be presented- who was to be in command in Virginia. Was he, George Washington, to be a mere subordernate while Dagworthy and others replaced him?

There was a long pause during which each man seemed to be appraising the other. Finally the Governor spoke. There was little doubt in his mind.

"Perhaps in good time someone will make these colonies all go one direction-an Augean task-you, George, if I may call you that, have a talent for organizing and the patience to overcome difficulties and see things as they really are. I marked you well in Williamsburg. Remember that nothing is done until everything is done. This is a time to look forward, not backward and the younger men must have their chance. We need you, my boy, in full command of the Virginia forces. Under my hand and seal, your commission is secure."

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ANNOUNCING THE

1990 NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION

June 9 & 10th

CAVE CITY CONVENTION CENTER
CAVE CITY, KENTUCKY

This is the nearest location to the SHIRLEY area in BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY!

It is 90 miles from Nashville, Tenn. and 80 miles from Louisville, Kentucky and 25 miles from Bowling Green...just to give you some perspective as to distance.

Mr. and Mrs. James Young will be our host and hostess. James is descended from Thomas Shirley and his wife, Mollie Grubbs who were in Prince William/Fauquier Co. Va. before going to Abbeville Co. South Carolina. In late 1790's they are of record in Harrison/Scott Co. Kentucky and by 1798 they were in Barren Co. Ky.

Details on the convention and reservation forms and overnight accomodations info are enclosed separately with this issue of the NEWS. PLEASE PASS THE WORD! ...AND join us on a SHIRLEY SOUTHERN STATES TOUR, details also enclosed!

In a recent issue of the NEWS we mentioned James Youngs sons being in a group, KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS. They are doing quite well and thought we would inform you of their success to date. I know Mr. and Mrs. James Young are very proud of their childrens success!

KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS JUMP INTO COUNTRY is the featured story of one Tennessee paper.

I talked with James Young a week ago and he said the group has done 6 shows with Hank Williams Jr. The publicity is very favorable and they are up for some award.

CONGRATULATIONS from the SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION!

Newspaper clipping sent by Anne Bumpus.

KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS JUMP INTO COUNTRY

ROBERT K. OERMANN
Staff Writer

What is going on here?

The shirtless drummer is prancing across the stage wearing a baseball cap and shorts; the lead singer is tossing souvenirs to the wild crowd and clowning around with a variety of props; the burly guitarist has long stringy hair that's soaked in sweat; bandmembers are spraying the audience with squirt guns; the volume is way up; the energy level is over-the-top.

Welcome to country music 1990, as demonstrated by The Kentucky HeadHunters.

"We're country music with a rock 'n' roll attitude," says lead singer Ricky Lee Phelps, in an Ozark accent you could cut with a knife.

"Most country acts are a little cotton-footed: They step lightly in their music."

Not the Heads. Ricky Lee's got a snarl in his honky-tonk delivery that has made the entire country world sit up and take notice. Brother Doug Phelps propells things forward with a snaky bass line. Drummer Fred Young pounds like a metal-rock disciple while *his* brother Richard provides rhythm guitar work that gives the act its focus. The lead guitar style of the Youngs' cousin Greg Martin would bring a smile to Eric Clapton.

"Anybody would be crazy to say this is totally country," Greg says. "It's blues, jazz, bluegrass and country."

To almost everyone in Music City's surprise, the unlikely fusion is a hit. The act's debut LP, *Pickin' on Nashville*, is approaching Gold Record status. *Rolling Stone*, *Newsweek* and *Entertainment Tonight* have lined up features. The Kentucky HeadHunters are final-

ists for an Academy of Country Music award next month. Hank Williams Jr. wants them on his tour.

Six months ago they were just five hillbilly hippies.

Kentucky natives the Youngs played rock music with cousin Greg for more than a decade. Billed as The Itchy Brothers, the group was regionally popular in the 1970s. But as the 1980s dawned, it became clear to the members that they'd have to find more gainful employment.

Richard traveled to Nashville and got a songwriting job at Acuff-Rose. Fred became a member of Sylvia's band and had a bit part in the *Sweet Dreams* movie playing Patsy Cline's drummer. Greg went on the road in Ronnie McDowell's band, where he met Doug.

Doug and Ricky Lee Phelps had grown up in Arkansas and Missouri as gospel singers. When the five joined forces they discovered that despite the different musical slants, they all shared something distinctly "country." For the Youngs it was a bluesy Allman Brothers-type thing. For the Phelps boys it was holiness churches and bluegrass sounds. And for all of them it was outhouses and country living.

The band was born in a practice house on the Youngs' grandmother's farm near Edmonton, Ky., a place that had been in the family since 1798. She was the group's biggest booster until her death in 1981.

Once when the youngsters got cheated at a club, grandma Effie went in and got the money.

"She always carried a pistol," explains Richard.

In nearby Munfordville the raucous, rambunctious bunch got a 90-minute monthly radio program called *The Chitlin Show* on WLOC. That's where the Heads' musical stew was simmered.

Their name evolved, too.

"We may look shabby as hell, but we ain't tacky," says Richard in a soft country-boy drawl. "We're ragtag hillbillies, so we were The Hillbillies From Hell. But then we found out that kids like us so we didn't want to use that name.

"If we never made a penny out of this, that's the greatest achievement you can make, to have children like your music."

Mindful of the example they should set, they turned to "HeadHunters," in reference to an old Muddy Waters blues story. Later, the "Kentucky" part of the name was added.

"We all just got together and did our radio show once a month," Richard recalls. "I said, 'We'll make a tape, thank people for comin' to the shows, hand 'em out, sell a few and that'll be that.'

"We were havin' a hard time and were gettin' some age on us [They range in age from 29 to 36]. We never really looked at gettin' a major rec deal. We said, 'We'll just put our litt tape together and be satisfied with that.'"

They made 500 copies, several of which found their way to Music Row. Nashvillians began to talk and in a matter of months Mercury Records had signed the act.

Eight of the 10 songs on *Pickin' on Nashville* were recorded in one week as "homemade" tapes.

Country radio has pretty much shied away from the Heads' aggressive music on the singles *Walk Softly on This Heart of Mine* and *Dumas Walker*. There's not a pretty face in the band, but the videos and zany live performances have done the trick.

"We take our silliness very seriously," says Ricky Lee, adding that the band is considering incorporating live pigs and chickens into its madcap stage act. Why not? He already has a prop telephone that connects him to Elvis.

But there's a tender side to these rampaging roughnecks. As the interview concludes a letter arrives from Kentucky Governor Wallace G. Wilkinson, thanking the band for takin the state's name to fame.

Greg and Richard dissolve into tears and the others get too choked up to speak.

Now *that's* country. ■

COULD THERE REALLY BE AN INHERITANCE FOR SOME U.S.A. SHIRLEYS ?

I heard several years ago about an inheritance that was due SHIRLEYS in the United States from England. I listened to the story, read thru many letters and other info that was given to me about a retired doctor and his wife who spent $12,000 traveling in Virginia, Pennslyvania and other states in that area trying to find this money. I gave it some thought and then put it behind me as I was to busy really trying to do SHIRLEY GENEALOGY and was afraid if there were rumors of some inheritance, people would think this was the reason for my interest in the Shirleys. In fact I almost dropped the Shirley work at that time. My heart actually sank when I thought over the whole thing. Then...I put it aside and dropped the whole matter. This doctor was deceased along time ago and it was his wife who gave me these papers and told me of their experiences. Some of the stories of their experiences sounded abit bazaar. Some of the stories could have merit and I can't say they weren't on to something! But what, I am not sure!

The story goes, a cousin of theirs was contacted in Pennsylvania in the 1930's in reguards to an inheritance due the Shirleys in the USA. The amount was no small amount...$40 Million dollars!

Dr. Shirleys adventure and quest for this money took place in 1955. It is believed by he and his wife that this money was collected by someone in charge of these funds and put in an acount waiting for distribution as this person began looking for the heirs. This is where the investigation was centered in 1955. This person was a very reputable person and I do not want to mention the branch of the people involved as some are members of the Shirley Association. I am personally acquainted with this persons nieces and I wouldn't want to do or say anything that would offend anyone!!! Believe me when I say this! But...what an experiece the doctor and his wife had running around a whole year. They hired attorneys and etc.....

Well, I laid the story to rest in my mind and have only casually mentioned it as a fun thing since the time I learned of it ..... several years ago.

But, what an intriguing idea!

WELL....THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY!

Last year I was given the name of a SHIRLEY in New York and I called him to talk about Shirleys and learn who his ancestors were. In the course of conversation, he told me another story about some inheritance!

This story goes like this... as told to me by the grandmother of this New York Shirley.

In 1926 a lawyer called her father-in-law, trying to trace the Shirleys. A big estate in England was to be divided. Shirleys down to the 5th generation would be the heirs. After 50 years the money would revert to the crown.

This group of Shirleys were so sure they were getting an inheritance and bragged about it. Unfortunatedly, nothing more is known about this inheritance.

So...WAS THERE AN INHERITANCE?

Well, IF there was and IF no one claimed it, it must have reverted back to the crown by now...right? But then we have the other story...someone from the USA went to England and claimed the money putting it in a trust fund until he could find the heirs.

SO NOW WE HAVE A GOOD MYSTERY! HA!

That will give you something to tell your grandchildren and your friends!!!

And...I know most of you will! We've mentioned the earlier story to a few and I know you will do the same....and the reason ? Because its in intriquing thought!

Don't stay awake nights now trying to figure out how to find this money! You need your rest!!!

BUT...IF you find it, would you let us know!!!

SERIOUSLY THOUGH...HAS ANYONE EVER HEARD THESE STORIES BEFORE ABOUT AN INHERITANCE THAT WAS DUE THE SHIRLEYS FROM ENGLAND? We'd like to know!

Write your editor...Betty Shirley

BITS AND PIECES

Attention VALENTINES LINE....

LINCOLN CO. MO. WILL BOOK A&B 1825-1855

Shearly, John, will dated Oct. 3, 1835. Bequeath to John Foster all my right and interest in following named negros (8) & all personal property...and he is to pay my brothers, Henry and Charles Shearly. Wit:Wm. Highsmith & F.K. Duncan Recorded Dec. 25, 1835 (A:40).

Is this John son of Valentine who we know so little about ?

CEDAR CO. MO.

"History of Cedar Co. Mo." page 359

May 16, 1846, Nathan Shirley, Josiah V. Edwards and John B. Gordon were appointed to view and mark out a county road leading from the county town to the county line at Packard's Ford on Clear Creek.....

Purchased land in section #3 (Cedar Co.)

NATHAN SHIRLEY in 1857
ISAAC SHIRLEY in 1860

CEMETARY DIRECTORY OF CEDAR CO. MO.

Sandridge Cemetary Benton Twp.

SHURLEY, M.J.
SHURLEY, JAMES, M. 1861-1928
SHURLEY, LAURA B. 1872-1932
SHURLEY, IRA T. 1890-1928

Clintonville Cemetary Box Twp.

Shirley, Verna J. 1958-1958

El Dorado Cemetary

SHIRLEY, MARY F. 1858-1925
SHIRLEY, MARGARET E. 1845-1941

Hazel-Dell Cemetary

SHIRLEY, Elder I.F. 1859-1928
SHIRLEY, Juan 1862-1942
SHIRLEY, S.H. 1863-1896
SHIRLEY, Margaret 1824-1895

HISTORY OF POLK CO. MO.

Sec. 10 - In 1857, Mary C. Shirley bought land in Sec. 10. She is listed among the first people who bought land there.

CARROLL Co. MO. WILL RECORDS INDEX

Page 87..

Nancy Shirley and John A. Powers, Ex for William Shirley Dec. 28, 1845.

Page 151...
Caleb Shirley, Adm. for:
John C. Shirley, Aug 1, 1849

DANIEL SHIRLEY was a witness on a will of Jacob Smith and written April 14, 1878.

BOLLINGER CO. MO. MARRIAGE BOOK A

1866-1872

William P. Shirley - Minister of the Gospel (Baptist)

CASS CO. MO. TAX LIST 1848 p. 109

Henry Shirley

BARTON CO. MO MARRIAGE BOOK A

1866-1880
Adelia Shirley m. Wm. J. Wallace Feb. 13, 1870. Both of Crawford Co. KANSAS!

BATES CO. MO. MARRIAGE BOOK A

1860-1870 (Vol. 27 page 43)

Wastzell A, Shirley m. John L. Garrison July 17, 1870

DADE CO. MO. 1860 Census

Shirley, John from Tenn.
Eliz. Va.

children: Edward P b. Mo.
Mary E. b. Mo.
Isaac b. Mo.

DALLAS CO. MO. (Vol. 20 page 95) of MO. PIONEERS

Z.M. Shirley signed as a witness on March 18, 1869 of the will of James Guthrie, of City of Washington Dallas Co.

(Guthrie was rich. He had lots of railroad stock and other properties)

WHO IS Z.M. SHIRLEY ???

[Material sent by Ron Triplett]

BITS AND PIECES...CONTINUED!

"Soldiers in King Philip's War"

[From The New England Historical and Genealogical Register Vol. 41 p. 210].

Soldiers credited under Capt. Wm. Turner

August 24, 1676 John Sherly
(lived in or around BOSTON Massachusetts)

From Vol. 40 page 71 of same...

Patents. The English are planted in this Countrie by vertue of Patents granted unto them from the President and Counsell of New England w^ch soe farr as I can understand are in number 18 viz^t

1 The Patent of New Plymouth
2 The Patent of Massachusetts Baye:
3 The Patent of Agawam granted to Captaine John Mason
4 A Patente granted to S^r ffferdinando Gorges
5 A Patent of Laconia granted to S^r ffferdinando Gorges and Captaine Mason
6 A Patent of Pascataquacke graunted to S^r ffferdinando Gorges and others
7 A Patent granted Edward Hilton
8 A Patent of Accamintieus granted to Captaine Norton w^th othe^rs
9 A Patent granted to John Stratton about Cape Porpus Rive^r
10: 11 Two Patents of Sohaketocke granted to Richard Vynes & Thomas Lewis
12 A Patent granted to Captaine Thomas Cammock of black pointe
13 A Patent granted to M^r Trelanye of Cape Elizabeth
14 A Patent of Casico granted to Captaine Levitt
15 A Patent of Pechipscote granted to Thomas Purchis and othe^rs
16 A Patent granted to Richard Bradshaw of the Northeast side of Pechipscot Rive^r
17 A Patent of Quinabecke belonginge to them of New Plymouth
18 A Patent of Sagadehock granted to Crispe and othe^rs
19 A Patent of Pemaquid granted to M^r: Alde^r and M^r Elbridge
20 A Patent granted of Penobscott to M^r Sherlie, and othe^rs

The Patent of Penobscott is largest of extent, it comprehendinge (as is pretended) nere 40 leagues in length yett it is planted but w^th one house, And is now possessed by the ffrench[13]

[13] The Plymouth Pilgrims had a trading post at Penobscot, and the "one house" spoken of is probably the truck house of their trading station. The French captured this and seized that portion of Maine in 1635, and as the writer states that it "is now possessed by the ffrench," the inference is that this paper could not have been written till that year.

[The above material sent by Gary F. Shirley]

From: San Francisco Chronicle Newspaper

Saturday, May 18, 1878 page 4

SHIRLEY - In this city, May 17th, James Shirley, a native of Salem, Mass., aged 47 years, 2 months, 7 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral tomorrow (Sunday) at 2 O'clock P.M. from his late residence, 1518 Howard St.

BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

(East Bridgewater Marriages)

Debby Sherly married Samuel Wood Sept. 30, 1801

WALTON COUNTY MASSACHUSETTS

Eliza Shirley (of Concord) married William Cutter July 22, 1830

Hannah Shirley married David Linnel March 15, 1652/53

Children: Samuel Dec. 15, 1655
Elisha June 1, 1658
Hannah Dec. 17, 1660

FIRST SETTLERS OF BARNSTABLE M.S.

John Shirley, Fitzeltram, Nov. 28, 1850. aged 94 years
found in NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL REGISTER.

Above material sent by Florence Hodges

HENRY SHIRLEY came to America at age 18 years. He came to visit Fitzwilliam Shirley, his older brother, on a vacation and never went back to England to enter college. He stayed in Boston. He mixed with the Boston people and became convinced that the struggle for liberty was right. He joined the army as a private. He was taken prisoner on that horrible prison ship in Boson Harbor.

FAMILY TRADITION SAYS HENRY WAS A YOUNGER BROTHER OF GOV. WM. SHIRLEY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

RECORDS OF MASSACHUSETTS MILITIA IN WAR 1812-1814 VOLUNTEERS

SHIRLEY

Arthur
Private John
Private Jonathon
Joshua
Sargeant William

ANDREW SHIRLEY from Massachusetts killed at the BATTLE OF THE ALAMO in Texas. His name appears on monument.

TIOGA COUNTY NEW YORK

Jonathon Shirley born Nov 10, 1812 England of Owego, Tioga County New York names his heirs in his will of 1887.

He left no widow, but he left the follow ing named persons, his children, ___heirs at law and next of kin, viz: Nathaniel Shirley, Jonathon R. Shirley and your petitioner (Hannah E. Howe), residing in said town of Owego; Edward Shirley and Abbie Dolen residing in Susquehanna Pennsylvania; Charlotte Letts residing at_____Missaekee Co. Michigan; Mary Ann Jayne residing at Edgar, Clay Co. Nebraska and Samuel Shirley.

The said Samuel Shirley died in said town of Owego about the 12th day of July 1895, leaving _____Janet Shirley, his widow, and Amdrew L. Shirley, Cora Le Grand, Carrie Shirley, Jennie C. Shirley, Samuel J. Shirley, Abbie Winne, Mary M. Walters, Edwin Shirley, Oscar Shirley, Harry Shirley and Daisy Shirley. his children. .....proved in 1897.

1850 Census Tioga Co. New York

Jonathon Shirley	1813	England
Mary	1814	England
Mary Ann	1834	England
Abigail	1838	NEW YORK
Samuel	1840	N.Y.
Nathaniel	1842	N.Y.
Jonathon	1844	N.Y.
Ann	1845	N.Y.
William [Edwin/ Edward]	1849	N.Y. (yrs. estimated by age)

In 1855 census Long Island is the birthplace given for Samuel and Nathaniel.

Also note that in 1855 Edwin is the name used and shows him as 7 yrs.

Jonathon and Mary Shirley were married June 12, 1832.

From family records...

Edward William Shirley b. ca. 1847 d. 1935 married Mary Valentine and they were the parents of Edward William b. Aug. 1, 1885 Susquehanna, Pennsylvania. He married Cora Westbrook and were the parents of Ellsworth Westbrook b. Oct. 4, 1907 in Bradford, Pennsylvania. He married Georgia Abbott and they were the parents of Edward B. Shirley b. Feb. 26, 1930 Dorchester, Mass.

WORKED FOR ERIE OVER FIFTY YEARS

Edward W. Shirley of Church street, who will soon observe the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth, has the proud distinction of having served the Erie company fifty years and six months. At one time he had charge of all brass work on locomotives between Jersey City and Hornell. Years ago, Mr. Shirley was police chief in Susquehanna. In the past forty years, over three hundred good friends passed on to the "better world," and Mr. Shirley remembers the name of each and every one of them, and speaks of them with affection, remembering only their good deeds.

1935

Dr. E. W. Shirley Died Tuesday

Edward W. Shirley, former Chief of Police in Susquehanna, and one of the best known citizens in this section, died Tuesday night at his home in Susquehanna at 8:20 o'clock, at the age of 88 years.

Mr. Shirley was very well known in Forest City, Vandling and Carbondale. For many years he manufactered medicines and tonics which he personally distributed throughout this section. He was a physical giant and of commanding appearance. He became favorably known throughout this section as Dr. Shirley.

Surviving are his wife and two sons, Andrew J., at home; and E. W. Shirley, Jr., of Sayre. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Family records listed the death of Mother: Edeth Shirley died age 55 yrs on Feb. 22, 1840.

Edward B. Shirley before his death wrote several times to England to located this Edith...as well as he traveled to England in 1972. At last she was found ....

Edith Shirley wife of Jonathon Shirley, labourer. Died Feb. 23, 1840 at Dadford, Stowe, Buckingham Co. England

MATERIAL SENT BY JOHN SHIRLEY

THANK YOU!

BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY
MARRIAGES

SHIRLEY, Benjamin to Maria T. Tunstall, June 13, 1843, Sur: David Bullock. Md. June 15, 1843 by George B. Harland.

SHIRLEY, Caleb to Pheby Gibbons, March 24, 1819, Sur: Presley Thomas, consent James (*Thomas) Gibbons and Susannah Gibbons, Wit. Presley Thomas, Beverly Bradley. Md. March 25, 1819 by Daniel Shirley.

SHIRLEY, Carter T. to Betsy Ann Cook, Feb. 4, 1836, Sur: George B. Cook.

SHIRLEY, Daniel to Betsy Howell, md. May 23, 1805 by Jacob Lock.

SHIRLEY, Elijah to Mary Harbison, June 9, 1828, Sur: Adam B. Harberson. Md. June 12, 1828 by Robert Leeper.

SHIRLEY, George to Sarah A. M. Young, March 23, 1841, Sur: William H. Young, consent guardian Thomas Depp, Wit. George H. Tunstall, William H. Young. Md. March 30, 1841 by Ralph Petty.

SHIRLEY, George Y. to Evelina Gorin, Sept. 7, 1829, Sur: William G. Logan.

SHIRLEY, Henry to Sophia Reed, Jan. 21, 1833, Sur: Levi C. Read. Md. Jan. 24, 1833 by Cornelius Deweese.

SHIRLEY, James to Mary Shirley, March 5, 1825, Sur: James Shirley.

SHIRLEY, James to Deborah Presly, Dec. 10, 1827, Sur: Joseph Presley. Md. Dec. 13, 1827 by Ralph Petty.

SHIRLEY, James to Louiza Murry, Dec. 30, 1828, Sur: John Howell, consent father Alen Murry, Wit. John Howell. Md. Jan. 19, 1829 by Ralph Petty

SHIRLEY, James A. to Frances Giddings, April 18, 1826, Sur: John Montague. Md. April 20, 1826 by Zacheus Quisenberry.

SHIRLEY, John to Mary Jane Hatchett, April 15, 1840, Sur: Archibald Hatchett. Md. April 18, 1840 by Thomas J. Malone.

SHIRLEY, John M. to Mary L. Pool, Sept. 14, 1824, Sur: William Porter, consent her father _____Pool, Wit. M. B. Cook, J. A. Shirley.

SHIRLEY, John W. to Patsy Young, Jan. 16, 1809, Sur: Edmund Rogers. NOTE: See page 235.

SHIRLEY, Moses to Juliveth Hunt, Jan. 12, 1833, Sur: Alemeth Hunt, consent Abel Hunt. Md. Jan. 17, 1833 by Ralph Petty.

SHIRLEY, Nimrod to Betsey Dale, Sept. 7, 1807, Sur: William Shirley. Md. Sept. 7, 1807 by Thomas Skaggs.

SHIRLEY, Norman to Malinda Collier, Dec. 14, 1846, Sur: J. W. Beauchamp. Md. Dec. 15, 1846 by J. B. Robertson.

SHIRLEY, Reubin to Lettitica Shirley, Dec. 4, 1826, Sur: James Shirley. Md. Dec. 13, 1826 by Ralph Petty.

SHIRLEY, Richard to Elizabeth Dale, no date on bond, Sur: Reuben Dale, personal consent of father Reuben Dale. Md. Aug. 17, 1816 by Daniel Shirley.

SHIRLEY, Richard W. to Polly Yates, Nov. 24, 1817, Sur: J. C. Culp, consent father George Yates, Wit. J. C. Culp, consent father Thomas Shirley. Md. Nov. 25, 1817 by Zacheus Quisenberry.

SHIRLEY, Robert to Sarah Pressly, md. April 1, 1828 by Ralph Petty.

SHIRLEY, Robert to Sarah A. Whitney, July 8, 1839, Sur: Thomas J. Whitney, consent father Thomas Whitney, Wit. Edward Holder, Thomas J. Whitney.

SHIRLEY, Thomas to Martha Piper, July 12, 1830, Sur: James Gooden, consent James Shirley. Md. July 15, 1830 by Thomas Scrivener.

SHIRLEY, Thomas W. to Patsey Montgomery, md. Nov. 28, 1819 by Zacheus Quisenberry.

SHIRLEY, William to Sarah Presley, March 29, 1828, Sur: Joseph Presley. Md. April 1, 1828 by Ralph Petty. See above entry "Robert Shirley to Sarah Pressly."

SHIRLEY, William A. to Harriet H. Logan, Sept. 23, 1820, Sur: John Snoddy. Md. Tues. Sept. 26, 1820 by William Warder.

HODGES, Samuel to Patsy Y. Shirley, Nov. 16, 1807, Sur: Thomas Shirley. Md. Nov. 17, 1807 by William Hiser.

HODGES, Samuel H. to Margaret S. Morton, Feb. 9, 1848, Sur: Benjamin R. Clark, consent John M. Shirley "my adopted daughter Margaret Shirley Morton", Wit. Benjamin Clark, George M. K. Kendall. Md. Feb. 10, 1848 by William Neal.

TAKEN FROM: Marriage Records of Barren Co. Kentucky 1799-1849 "The First Fifty Years" by Martha Powell Reneau. (1984)

Martha began copying marriage bonds fourteen years ago. She did not use the marriage index in the clerk's office. Many of the marriage bonds/consents are missing. Even now, some have vanished since I began copying them.

A friend xeroxed the minister's return book, and from it I learned many of the actual marriage dates. Some were included for which I had not found a bond. Others were found that I know are recorded in surrounding counties. Evidently most of the ministers were circuit riders, and perhaps performed marriages in one cound, then gave the return to the county clerk in another county, as convenient.

If you wish a copy of the original bond, they are on file in the office of the BARREN COUNTY COURT CLERK, BARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, GLASGOW, KY. 42141. (fee: $2.00 per copy, plus a SASE).

TURKEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

ABBEVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Included below is a brief of the church minutes of Turkey Creek Baptist Church for the period 1785-1815. Records are on microfilm in Greenville, South Carolina at the Historical Commission of Southern Baptist Convention at Furman University.

Only references to Shirleys were listed - although an effort to list all references was made, it should be realized that items could be missed due to quality of microfilm, handwriting, etc.

Members who constituted the church included-
- Thomas Shirley
- Richard Shirley
- Mary Shirley
- Margaret Shirley
- Archibald Shirley
- Susanna Shirley

Individuals who also signed the church covenant-
- Dorcas Shirley
- Elizabeth Shirley
- Elizabeth Shirley
- John Shirley
- Thomas Shirley
- Richard Shirley
- Mary Shirley
- Lydia Shirley

February 12, 1785 - Thomas Shirley censored for drunkeness.

March 12, 1785 - Richard Shirley removed from fellowship of church for drunkeness.

September 10, 1783 - Richard Shirley restored to fellowship by repentance.

May 7, 1787 - Polly Shirley received by baptism.

July 6, 1787 - James Shirley received by baptism.

March 14, 1788 - Thomas Shirley listed as trustee of church.

April 10, 1789 - Thomas Shirley appointed to consult with Ambrose Foster as to why he (Ambrose) was neglecting church meetings.

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June 12, 1789 - Lydia Shirley received by letter.

January 11, 1791 - James Shirley censored for drunkeness.

- Richard Shirley excommunicated for gameing and drunkeness.

May 7, 1791 - James Shirley restored to fellowship.

July 9, 1791 - Thomas Shirley appointed to committee to inquire whether body of people at Hogskin were ready for constitution.

August 11, 1791 - Thomas Shirley reported that body at Hogskin was ready.

- Thomas Shirley and Archibald Shirley appointed (THIS) (ARCH) to attend Little River Church.

March 8, 1792 - Richard Shirley restored to fellowship.

June 9, 1792 - Church resolved dispute between John (JAS) Shirley and Robert Ritchey. John said that Ritchey killed a mare by riding. Church ruled in favor of Ritchey.

October 12, 1792 - Thomas Shirley refused to give his bond to James Hodges after he had promised it.

November 10, 1792 - Thomas Shirley restored to fellowship; Mary Shirley received by baptism.

March 10, 1793 - Thomas Shirley appointed to research matter for church.

May 11, 1793 - Elijah Shirley received by baptism.

June 8, 1793 - Archibald Shirley inquired of membership if when visited by a minister of a sister church after hearing him preach, though his gift be small in their esteem, is it right for them to condemn his gift in a public way - answer was negative.

July 13, 1793 - Thomas Shirley to be messenger to deliver a letter to the association.

August 3, 1793 - Thomas Shirley and others to meet with John Bane about his living in disorder.

October 11, 1793 - John Shirley and others appointed to meet with Anne Delp to find out why she was not attending.

Briefed from the microfilm and sent by: GEORGE N. SHIRLEY. George says he spelled all as SHIRLEY and after realizing this went back and checked some of the spellings and they are noted by heavy dots. The others he did not check as they had been returned to Furman University.

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January 11, 1794 - John Shirley and others yet to meet with Delp.

- Complaint filed against Richard Shirley for drinking in excess - he was suspended.

February 7, 1794 - Richard Shirley continues under suspension.

March 8, 1794 - Richard Shirley repented and was restored to fellowship.

- Thomas Shurley chosen as deacon.

- Thomas Shurley, wife, and son Elijah petition for letter - also James Shurley and wife and Archibald Shirly.

August 9, 1794 - John Shurly, Richard Shurly, and Thomas Shurly to attend meeting at Little River Church to try to gain fellowship with Nancy Hanks who was previously excommunicated.

September 13, 1794 - SR Shurly departed this life 12th this instant. *

November 8, 1794 - John Shirley and others to meet with individual to see if they had joined the Methodist Society.

April 10, 1795 - John Shirley to settle a difficulty.

May 9, 1795 - John Shirley made a report to the church.

June 13, 1795 - Thomas Shirley appointed to settle a difficulty.

September, 1795 - Thomas Shirley appointed to settle a difficulty.

November, 1795 - Thomas Shirley appointed to settle a difficulty at Little River.

February 12, 1796 - John Shirley to cite Brother Yarbor at next meeting for drinking.

June 8, 1796 - Thomas Shirley reported a difficulty.

October 17, 1796 - Thomas Shirley and others working on difficulty at Popular Springs.

December 10, 1796 - Thomas Shirley offered his letter to the church and the church received it.

February 11, 1797 - Appointed John Shirley and Nimrod Smith to cut the pulpit lower.

February 10, 1798 - Thomas Shirly Deacon applies for Letter for himself and wife; also John Shirly and wife and sister.

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October 9, 1807 - A charge by Thomas Shirly of Little River Church against James Fennier for a rash speech in the church.

May 7, 1814 - A committee of 9 members from the various churches was appointed including Thomas Shirley of Little River.

October 14, 1814 - Thomas Shirley signed report of committee.

* Who is this SR. SHIRLEY who died in 1794? Is this Richard, husband of Margaret, who is supposedly the father of Thomas (m. Mollie Grubbs) and James (m. Mary McMekin)? This group settled in Barren Co. Kentucky in the 1790's.

Any feed back on this subject will be apreciated.

It can't be John Shirley who married Elizabeth Barmore as he died in 1808.

Thought you would find these events interesting about their lifestyles in this era.

Additional information about the people at Turkey Creek Baptist church can be found in Oct. 1979 NEWS pages 3-5. Lists of many people who were not Shirleys are also given as well as information about the church.

* = Birth before December 31, 1879

Spartanburg County, South Carolina Cemetery Survey Vol. 1

Compiled by Pinckney Chapter of S.C. Genealogical Society.

SHIRLEY	Pg			Born	Died	Cemetery
mma Parris	65	Emma Parris Shirley	w/o W.T. Shirley	* 22 Dec 1870	20 May 1918	Liberty United Methodist Chur
nofield	66	Manofield Shirley		* 16 Feb 1824	30 Mar 1901	Liberty United Methodist Chur
rgaret Ann	64	Margaret Ann Shirley		* 10 Feb 1831	3 Mar 1904	liberty United Methodist Chur
lliam J.	66	William J. Shirley		* 12 Dec 1850	7 Sep 1931	Liberty United Methodist Chur
).I.	65	— see Emma Parris				

Greenville County South Carolina Cemetery Survey. Vol. 1

Compiled by Greenville Chapter of S.C. Genealogical Society

SHIRLEY				Born	Died	Cemetery
nfant	261	"Infant" Shirley	s/o Mr&Mrs J.R. Shirley	—	22 Nov 1932	Rose Hill,
.P.	244	— see H.E. Sims Shirley				
neo P	285	Agnes P. Shirley		15 Oct 1916	19 Feb 1943	Middle River Baptist Church nr Cleveland 1st Bapt
drew O.	399	Andrew O. Shirley		— 1880	— 1953	Waycross Baptist Church
na Lindley	349	Anna Lindley Shirley		1882	— 1934	Waycross Baptist Church
Marvin	163	B. Marvin Shirley	s/o T.W. & M.E. Shirley	26 May 1904	26 Aug 1905	Hawkins Family cemetery
ll F.	414	Ball F. Shirley		9 Jan 1884	4 Sep 1935	Enoree Baptist Church
ygmin A	129	Benjamin A. Shirley		11 Oct 1882	21 Jan 1949	Salem United Methodist Church
tie King	129	Bertie King Shirley		1 Dec 1886	24 Nov 1969	Salem United Methodist Chund
Truman	258	C. Truman Shirley		2 Apr 1907	—	Rose Hill
ank	254	Frank Shirley	*	— 1874	— 1958	Rose Hill
y lee	233	Gary Lee Shirley		—	8 Nov 1943	Rose Hill
.E	254	H.E. Shirley	*	— 1877	— 1908	Rose Hill
E. Sims	244	H.E. Sims Shirley	w/o A.P. Shirley *	13 Jun 1872	23 Feb 1898	Rose Hill
ene L	258	Irene L. Shirley		23 May 1910	—	Rose Hill
R.	261	— see Nellie M. Shirley				
n Edward	42	John Edward Shirley		6 May 1911	2 Aug 1973	Mountain Creek Baptist Chund
n F.	254	John F. Shirley	*	22 Oct 1840	15 Jan 1906	Rose Hill
n R.	254	John R. Shirley	*	7 Sep 1868	23 May 1953	Rose Hill
s lee	203	Less Lee Shirley	w/o Monref Woodard *	3 Mar 1877	26 Jan 1943	Cedar Rock Baptist Church
e Bowers	424	Lillie Bowers Shirley	w/o Alvin D. Robertson	5 Feb 1907	25 Feb 1935	Enoree Baptist Church
cia	254	Nocia Shirley		— 1880	— 1918	Rose Hill
E.	163	see B. Marvin Shirley				
ck Eugene	233	Mack Eugene Shirley		—	19 Jun 1941	Rose Hill
rice	233	Maurice Shirley		17 May 1909	3 Jul 1994	Rose Hill
erva	254	Minerva Shirley	*	1877	1964	Rose Hill
iel G cont.	233	Muriel G. Shirley		—	24 Aug 1916	Rose Hill

Greenville County S.C. Cemetery Survey Vol.1 Continued

HIRLEY			Born	Died	Cemetery
llie M	241	Nellie M. Shirley w/o J.R. Shirley	27 Apr 1896	29 Oct 1956	Rose Hill Enoree
y A	430	Roy A. Shirley – Maryland Pfc 120 Inf. 30 Div	8 Sep 1920	17 May 1949	Baptist Church Mountain creek
non Ann	42	Sharon Ann Shirley	30 Jun 1970	30 Jun 1970	Baptist Church
W.	163	← see B. Marvin Shirley			

Greenville County S.C. Cemetery Survey Vol. 4

SHIRLEY			Born	Died	Cemetery
arlie F.Sr	26	Charlie F. Shirley SR (Masonic)	18 Apr 1905	—	Grandview Memorial Gardens
ssie S.	26		23 Jul 1908		Grandview Memorial Garden
arlie F Jr	26		31 Oct 1928	8 Apr 1929	Grandview Memorial Gardens

Greenville County S.C. Cemetery Survey Vol. 5

SHIRLEY			Born	Died	Cemetery
nnie W	246	Annie W. Shirley	22 May 1898	9 Nov 1966	Graceland
eulah N.	27	Beulah N. Shirley	3 Sep 1906	—	Graceland
thel	263	Ethel Shirley d/o J.T. & L.M. Shirley	21 Nov 1915	4 Jun 1925	Graceland
ell	263	Idell Shirley w/o R.P. Craft	23 Oct 1896	20 Oct 1919	Graceland
es Cullen	74	James Cullen Shirley	26 Nov. 1906	24 Sep 1974	Graceland
C.	74	see Mattie Ban Pitts Shirley			
Monroe	128	J. Monroe Shirley (Sc PVT 156 Depot Brig WWI)	20 Jun 1894	18 Mar 1951	Graceland
n C.	118	John C. Shirley	20 Aug 1908	22 Aug 1937	Graceland
n Thomas	263	John Thomas Shirley	10 Apr 1874	30 Sep 1932	Graceland
T.	263	see Ethel Shirley also Lydia M. Fortner Shirley			
M.	263	see Ethel Shirley			
ia M. Fortner	263	Lydia M. Fortner Shirley w/o J.T. Shirley	4 Jul 1872	3 Jun 1924	Graceland
y C	263	Mary C. Shirley w/o C.S. Roberts	25 Sep 1910	8 Jan 1928	Graceland
ie Ban Pitts	74	Mattie Ban Pitts Shirley w/o J.C. Shirley	9 Feb 1908	4 Oct 1943	Graceland
l	246	Paul Shirley	21 Jan 1897	10 Apr 1972	Graceland
ekah Karn	74	Rebekah Karn Shirley	13 Aug 1910	—	Graceland
y C	27	Riley C. Shirley (Sc PFC 311 Inf 78 Div)	20 Sep 1925	11 Apr 1945	Graceland
y E	27	Riley E. Shirley	13 Dec 1901	—	Graceland

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Sorry this edition was so late! I will have the next out on time!

My youngest daughter, Debbie, got married March 10th, 1990. Since Christmas I have spent alot of time going to Bridal Shows and shopping etc. with her. We did all the food and decorations...and if you have been thru it...you know how much work there is!

I apreciate all the nice letters I have received since the last issues. I also welcome all of our new members!

I owe quite a few letter and will be answering these over the next few days.

I am babysitting full time my grandson 6yrs and his 7 month old sister. Just leaves me the evenings and week-ends to do my Shirley work again! Someday.....?

Oconee County, South Carolina Cemetery Survey Vol. I

Pendleton Chapter of South Carolina Genealogical Society
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SHIRLEY	Pg		Born	Died	Cemetery
Aremond	223	w/o Robert Kay Shirley Kay Rutledge	w/o Jesse Rutledge d/o Benj. & Eliz. Shirley	7 Aug 1792	5 Jan 1874	Westminister First Baptist Chw.
Aremond	262	see above				
Chadwick	270	Shirley		-- 1972	-- 1972	Clearmont Baptist Church
Edna	194	Edna Shirley Lee		25 Apr 1913	10 Apr 1950	Seneca mtn. View Cemetery
Edward W.	181	Edward W. Shirley		* 22 Oct 1875	11 Jun 1953	Seneca mtn View Cemetery
Lavaca R.	145	Lavaca R. Shirley	w/o Wm. C. Shirley	14 Mar 1885	25 Apr 1969	Coneross Baptist Church
Leah H.	112	Leah H. Shirley	w/o Louis Shirley	-- 1894	-- 1976	Earle's Grove Baptist Church
Lois N.	191	Lois N. Shirley		23 Feb 1923	16 Apr 1970	Seneca Mtn. View Cemetery
Louis M.	112	Louis M. Shirley		-- 1887	-- 1928	Earle's Grove Baptist Church
Mary F	181	Mary F. Shirley		* 18 Jan 1878	4 Dec 1960	Seneca Mtn. View Cemetery
Wm C.	145	Wm. C. Shirley		19 Jul 1882	20 Apr 1954	Coneross Baptist Church
Wm C. Jr.	147	Wm. C. Shirley, Jr. SGT		14 Dec 1916	3 Jan 1945	Coneross Baptist Church

SHIRLEY Oconee County Vol. II

Annie W	284					
Arnold W.	48	Arnold W. Shirley		11 Aug 1896	4 Nov 1946	New Hope Baptist Church
Cinnie W.	284	Cinnie W. Shirley	w/o Steve Shirley	14 Aug 1946	?	Rocky Fork Baptist Church
Estelle A	48	Estelle A. Shirley	w/o Arnold Shirley	25 Mar 1900	1 Feb 1941	New Hope Baptist Church
Marvin D.	48	Marvin D. Shirley	s/o A.W. Shirley	15 Jul 1939	11 Jan 1941	New Hope Baptist Church
Ruby B.	284	Ruby B. Shirley		14 Aug 1921	29 Apr 1956	Rocky Fork Baptist Church
Sam	48	?				
Steve T.	284	Steve T. Shirley		20 Mar 1941	9 Jul 1976	Rocky Fork Baptist Church

from your editor...

I received several letters about the records like this used in the last issue of the NEWS, so here are the rest of what I have from Gary F. Shirley. Hope this helps you fill in some of the spaces in your records.

Also...I am delighted how well the 10th Anniversary books have sold and are still selling. Members who have many of the back issues have been ordering and I have had many complimentary letters from newer members who did not have the back issues.

I regret to say that as of May 1st the cost will go up on the book and instead of $50 per book plus $5 for mailing etc...it will be $60 as our copy prices and cover and gold stamping price has increased. Since I have some books on hand now...it is a good time to order at $50 plus $5.

[Book is hard cover, 40 back issues from July 1978 thru July 1988. Back issues are $3.00 each, so this is a good buy if you want the back issues].

MEMBERSHIP is still $15 per year (4 issues of the NEWS). List of other members from your branch upon request.

Shirley Association (Betty Shirley)
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* Birth before Dec. 31, 1879

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L to R: Floyd, Emery Ella, Lenna (holding child, Henry), Maggie and Hollice Doss, Cora Bertha, Harrison and Louisa Shirley. Harrison and Louisa Shirley homesteaded this place near Woodward, Oklahoma. Picture taken early 1900's and sent by member Betty Wallace.

Harrison Shirley is descended from Richard Shirley, Jr. of Barren Co. Kentucky.

Richard Shirley, Jr. born Aug. 17, 1816 Barren Co. Ky. Died from hanging himself. He married Elizabeth Dale. Their children were: Daniel R., Sarah, Mariah, Jemima, Martha Ann, America, Amy Elizabeth, Reuben, Lemuel.

Martha Ann is the mother of James HARRISON Shirley who married Louisa Still. Martha Ann was also the mother of Mary, Laura E. and Elizabeth Jane. Martha Ann never married according to Betty Wallace.

Additional information on this branch of the Shirley family would be greatly apreciated by your editor and those descended from this family. The BIG question is...Is Richard, Jr the son of Richard Shirley and his wife Dorcas? Or is he called Jr. because he had an uncle who was Richard and he was referred to as Jr. to show he was the younger generation?

SHIRLEY CONVENTION PLANS FOR KENTUCKY

Reservations are arriving almost everyday now as the time aproaches for the 8th National SHIRLEY CONVENTION in Cave City (Barren County) Kentucky June 9th, 1990.

It is important to make your reservations in advance so we may give the caterers a fairly accurate accounting of people to prepare meals for...especially at James Youngs place on Sunday, June 10th. I depart for Kentucky on June 7th AM. I suggest mailing those reservations before June 1st so I may receive them before I leave. Otherwise, a phone call by June 6th for last minute reservations.

We have several first time conventioners coming. People from Kentucky, Tenn., Ind. Mo., Ohio, Ala., Fla., Colorado, Calif.& New Mexico have already made their reservations.

This year we are adding something different to the Convention. The afternoon will be centered around a panel of knowledgable Shirley researchers. Have your questions ready. There will be speakers and new people to meet. Spread the word to your other family members. Write to those on your list of other members who belong to your branch and arrange to meet them in Kentucky.

This year we will concentrate on the Shirleys of Kentucky, South Carolina and Virginia...with emphasis on Ky. Shirley lines. Please bring old photos, old letters and other items about your Shirleys.

Sunday will be a very SPECIAL TREAT! A very rare opportunity for SHIRLEYS to gather together at the old farm sites of those early Shirleys who came to Barren Co. Ky. in late 1700's. James Young will be our leader and he is very knowledgeable about his ancestors...the Shirleys of Barren Co. Ky. He knows where the places are they lived and can tell you many many stories about these people. He has many personal items that belonged to them. DON'T MISS THIS ONE TIME ONLY OPPORTUNITY to be a part of this special time in Barren Co. Ky.

THE SOUTHERN STATES SHIRLEY TOUR HAS BEEN CANCELLED! Sorry!

For overnight Convention accomodations, call Days Inn 502-773-2151. Ask for special rates for Shirley Convention.

I will be visiting and researching in Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina following the Convention.

If you would like to meet up with us (my niece, Barbara and myself), let me know....drop me a note or call me.

We will be visiting with Tenn. Shirleys and sightseeing their ancestors area in Tennessee on June 12th (Tues.). A group from New Mexico descended from these Tenn. Shirleys will be visiting here also. The area for this group is primarily the Cannon and Warren Co. Tenn. area.

June 13th we will meet up with Jemima Shirley at White Co. Tenn. This is the family her husband descended from. I will be very interested in this Tennessee visit as I always get a better insight into the Shirleys by visiting the area and learning all I can about those who lived there.

June 14th & 15th we will be visiting the Honea Path area of South Carolina. We will also be in Laurens County S.C. to do Shirley research...an area I have desparately wanted to research in for sometime now.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET US IN SOUTH CAROLINA for a bit of chit chat ?

I have reserved a room at YODER'S DUTCH KITCHEN in Abbeville, S.C. This is mighty good eatin' I can assure you. I'm looking forward to coming back here again!!! We have some very good *friends in this area and we all want to get together. We would like for those of you who would like to come to do so. No advance reservations are necessary! Just be there! Time: 6:30 PM Thurs. June 14. I'll look forward to seeing you and all the gang who I have already talked to by phone. [* SHIRLEY FRIENDS...]

In Kentucky I will be trying to locate the grave sites of Old Thomas Shirley of Adair Co. and his brother John. They served in the Revolutionary War. These Shirleys married the Yates girls.

Convention data; Friday eve. 7:30 refreshments at the Cave City Convention Center, Sat. 9 AM SHIRLEY CONVENTION. Sun. Meet at Convention Center to go to James Youngs by Caravan.

DANIEL

1633 50 acres Charles City Co. Va.

EDWARD

1636 overseerer James City Co. Va.
1683 St. Stephens Parish petition King & Queen Co. Va.

FRANCIS

1637 Land office Patent Record MARYLAND

GEORGE

1699 Surveyor Northumberland Co. Va.

HENRY

1642 - 1654 Was in James City Co. Va.

JAMES

1667 Land Office Patent Record MARYLAND

JOHN

1642 Was in Northampton Co. Va.
1671 Christened St. Stephens Parish Northumberland Co. Va.
1690 Granted 450 acres Norfolk Co. Va.

JOSEPH

1679 Patent Records Somerset Co. MARYLAND

NICHOLAS

1664 Transported to Va. by William Price
1668 356 acres Old Rappahannock Co. Va.

RALPH

1693 Deceased...Isle of Wight Va.

RICHARD

1623 Was in James City Co. Va.
1669 Christened St. Stephens Parish Northumberland Co. Va.
1671 Died Bruton Parish James City Co. Va.
1673 Inquistion on escheated land York Co. Virginia
1663 born, Christ Church Middlesex Co. Va.
1690 Was in Northhumberland Co. Va.
1690 Granted 450 acres Norfolk Co. Va.
1693-- 1695 Preogative Court
1696 Petition to probate will of Thomas of Northumberland Co. Va.

ROBERT

1633 Land Office Patent Record MARYLAND
1660--1661 Court Records Charles County MARYLAND
1664 Transported by John Beauchamp (Va.)
1664 was in Henrico Co. Va.
1674 Witnessed will of David Myles Lancaster Co. Va.

SAMUEL

1662 Transported by Thomas Brereton (Va)
1662 Was in New Kent Co. Va.
date ? Early...Transported by Raleigh Travers, Lancaster Co. Va.

THOMAS

1643 Transported to Va. by Wm. Warden
1643 Was in James City Co. Va.
1650 mentioned in will of Daniel Turner Norfolk Co. Va.
1656 Was in Elizabeth City, Va.
1663 Transported by John Butler Westmoreland Co. Va.
1661 signed on escheated land Elizabeth City, Va.
1666 Was at St. Stephens Parish in Northumberland Co. Va. (sons chr. Thomas 1666, Richard 1669 St. Stephens Parish).
1669 Witnessed will of John Nichols in Lancaster Co. Va.
1671 Jury finds he had no heirs, he died leaving 200 acres (100 of which originally had been granted Edward Hill of Shirley Plantation).
1675 chr. 1675 Middlesex Co. Va. (son of Richard).
1689 Court Petition, by oath of Thomas Shirley of Northumberland Co. Va.

WILLIAM

1652 Was in James City Co. Va.
1678 Gave one pound to church in Glouster Co. Va. to purchase cushions, communion table cloth and other appurtinances.

THE ABOVE SHIRLEY MATERIAL REFERS TO THOSE I HAVE ACCUMULATED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES FOR THE 1600's! Each name could represent more than one person by that name. As you can see there are quite a few Shirleys in America in 1600's. I have given the earliest date for the name mentioned in a given area of Va. or Md.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY MARYLAND

[Material sent by new member Ed Duggan]

Those marked "St.Fr./St. Inigoes" are Jesuit sacramental records; they appear in (1). "The Jesuit Missions of St. Mary's Co" Edwin Warfield Beitzell, available from the St. Mary's Co. Historical Society, Leonardtown, Md., and (2). "Catholic Families of Southern Maryland," Timothy J. O'Rourke, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore. It appears these comprise what remains of Catholic sacramental records for the Colonial Period. The original records are housed in Georgetown University.

Before 1707 Richard Shirley married Catherine Miles Wiseman. She was the widow of John Wiseman and the daughter of Francis Miles. *[Note on a separate page in this issue of the NEWS on the list of the SHIRLEYS of 1600's under ROBERT SHIRLEY 1674...he witnesses the will of a David Myles, Lancaster Co. Va.].*

Nov. 19, 1737 Will of Richard Shirley proved; wife, Sarah; sons, Richard, George, William, John. (Did Richard stay and Geo. Wm & John go to Antietium, Washington Co, Md?)

July 5, 1747 Will of Richard (Jr.) proved; wife unnamed; son Robert; Land located Western Branch flows into head of St. Mary's River. (Thomas Norris is witness).

Feb. 1, 1761 Mary Sherley, Godmother of Mary Jane Drury, St. Joseph's (Morodnza)

June 14, 1767 Eleanor Sherley, Godmother of Pyke Infant, St. Fr. X. Newtown, (Compton)

May 27, 1770 Mary Shirley, Godmother of Henrietta Greenwell, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

July 12, 1772 Mary Shirley Godmother of Matthew Booth, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

Nov. 25, 1775 Ignatius Shirly married Mary Norris, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

1776 George, Ignatius and Robert Shirley listed St. Mary's Co. Militia

Aug. 24, 1778 George Shirley, Pvt. 3rd Reg. Maryland line, died

Nov. 24, 1788 Joshua Shirley Godfather M'Lean Baby, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

Jan. 5, 1789 Ben (Bennet) Shirley Godfather Stone Baby, St. Fr. X., St. Inigoes

1789 Robert CHIRLEY voted Federalist, St. Mary's Co.

Aug. 29, 1790 Benedict and Mary Shirley's Slave Baptized

1790 Ignatius Shurly carried as Federalist, St. Mary's Co. Voter list

Census 1790 Bennett 1 m 16+ 7 F,1 other and 4 slaves

Joshua 1 m 16+ 1 F,1 slave

Ignatius 1 m 16+ 4 m und 16 and 4 F

Sept. 26, 1790 Anastasia Sherley Bapt., daughter of Benedict and Mary, St. Fr.

March 4, 1792 George Shirley Bapt., son of Joshua and Catherine, St. Fr. X.

Nov. 25, 1792 Bened. Sherley's slave Bapt. St. Fr. X., Inigoes

May 15, 1793 Bennett Shirley married Susanna Peake, St. Mary's Co. Md.

1794 Richard Shearley, Bennet Sheirly, Ignatius Sheirly and John Sheirly listed as members of the St. Mary's Co. Militia

March 27, 1794 Benedict Shirleys slave Baptiszed

May, 28, 1794 Elizabeth Sherley Godmother Mary Vaughan, St. Fr. X. St. I.

Feb. 26, 1801 Mary Shirley Norris died, daughter of Richard and Tracy (should be Grace not Tracy). Age 60, wife of Thomas Norris

Census 1800

Bennett Shyrley 1M 26-45, 2M 10-16
1F 10-16, 2F 16-20
2F 20-30, 2F 30-45

Ignatius Shirley 1M 45+, 2M 16-20
1M 10-16, 1F 10-16
2M 16-20, 2F 30-45

[Some of this branch then left and and went to Fredrick Co. Md. near Emmitsburg].

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St. Mary's Co. Maryland cont...

[THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN YOUR EDITOR AND ED DUGGAN, A NEW MEMBER].

Genealogical research in St. Mary's Co. suffers from a sparcity of records. Fires twice destroyed court house records and burned those of a key Parish Church. Other records were destroyed deliberately by the Puritans who gained control at one period of the colonial Maryland government. Yet traces of a Shirley presence can be found.

I belong to the St. Mary's Co. Historical Society and they have nothing on the Shirleys.

Many of the old Jesuit Sacramental records also were lost to a fire. They were stored at St. Thomas Manor which, I think, is just over the border from St. Mary's in Charles County. Fire destroyed many of those records in 1850. The pastor at St. Ignatuis, the parish at St. Thomas, refused to let me look at remaining records, saying that Cardinal Hickey didn't permit church records to be used for genealogical purposes. I'd almost given up on tracing the Shirleys when I saw your item in the "Genealogical Helper".

I'm not terribly interested in proving descent from British nobility; but I do want, if possible, to prove the long-held tradition of Grandmother's family of descent from the originial settlers of Maryland. I grew up in Pennsylvania, but that Maryland ancestry was a matter of some pride. It's never been proved.

Among old letters and photos given to me by my paternal grandmother is a daguerreotype of her paternal grandmother, Henrietta Warthon, nee Shirley. A letter dated in 1852, telling Great Grandfather of Henrietta's death, once contained a lock of her hair. It was red, like Grandmother's. She is buried in the old Mountain Cemetery near Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg [Fredrick Co.] Md.

Her tombstone bears the information that Henrietta was born in St. Mary's County, Md., that she was 66 when she died and that she was the mother of three sons and one daughter. In the same cemetery are buried her brother John Shirley who died in 1863 and a Richard Shirley, possibly John's son, who was buried March 6, 1822.

In addition to the brother, Henrietta had at least three sisters, one of whom, Elizabeth, was Mrs. John Dabelstein. The others were Sisters Mary Clare and Mary Magdalen Shirley, nuns trained in their vocations by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Clare died in 1846 and is buried in the cemetery at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg. Magdalen Ann Shirley was born about 1801 and died in the 1870's, buried in New York.

Growing up I often heard my grandmother and her sister, grandaunt Ida Kephart, refer to their grandaunt "Betsy Dabelstein" She and John Dabelstein were married at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Frederick (City) in 1821. According to Aunt Ida, John Dabelstein became a judge in Cumberland, Md.

Based on militia, voting and census records of the later 18th century, Robert Shirley's sons can be identified as Ignatuis, Bennet, George and Joshua. George died in the Revolution. The other three headed households in St. Mary's Co. in the 1790 census. Joshua, however, soon left St. Mary's Co. He is not among the Shirley whose names appear on the 1794 St. Mary's Co. militia roster. Ignatius and Bennett are on that list. So are two other male Shirleys, Richard and John, whom I believe to have been sons of Ignatius Shirley, and who migrated later to Frederick Co. Md.

In a letter dated in the 1850-60's reference is made to Lizzie Shirley's brother "Nace" who went to New Jersey, fathered three children and died "without his poor mother knowing if he were in his church or not."

I believe Ignatius Shirley was the father of my great great grandmother, Henrietta Warthon, nee Shirley, but can't prove it.

2nd LETTER FROM ED TO YOUR EDITOR

April 2, 1990

I'll never be able to thank you enough for the data you sent, I've read it, reread it and read it again; and I believe our line can be traced back to the first Richard Shirley (of the 1737 will) and the the Norris family's immigrant progenitor, Thomas. Since I don't recall mentioning the name NORRIS when I first wrote you, I'm amazed that you sent precisely what I needed. You must be clairvoyant.

Thomas, son of John and Ann Wheatley Norris, Tom's daughter probably by Ann Heard, was born in 1756. She has to be the Mary Norris who married Ignatius Shirley, almost surely a son of Robert, in November 1775. I have long felt, based on an analysis of the 1790 and 1800 St. Mary's County census and what I know of Great Great Grandmother's siblings that Ignatius and Mary Norris Shirley were her parents.

You asked for my thoughts about the John Shirley [the ancestor of your editors husband] born in 1728, being a son or grandson of Richard Shirley of the 1737 will. I think son. Those three younger sons were, I believe, a good bit younger than their half brother, Richard. Since John was the last named in the will, he likely was the youngest. That he was nine years old in 1737 doesn't seem too young to me. Because the will gives the leased land first to the widow and to the boys at her death. I tend to feel they were all three minors. Remember, the widow was young enough to remarry.

The key phrase in that will is "land held under lease." That says to me that the home plantation, owned property, was entailed to the eldest son, Richard. I'd bet those three younger boys ended up with next to no inheritance. No wonder they headed for the wilds of Frederick Co. Md.

3rd LETTER FROM ED DUGGAN

Your letters provide not only facts but food for thought in lucullan proportions. The response to my questions on the religions of the 17th century Shirleys and possible emigrants almost overwhelmed me.

I think your fix on Isfield and Wiston for their origins is dead-on target.

The Wiston family [of England] appears to be the best ancestral bet for our oldest Maryland line. Given names, probable dates of birth and timely financial ruin match up with early traces in Maryland. The household of Sir Thomas Shirley the Younger seems particularly fitted to dovetail with our Marylanders. The second wife was Judith BENNET and the cadets were Robert and Richard. We have Roberts, Richards and, in the 1790 and 1800 censuses, even a BENNET SHIRLEY in St. Mary's Co. Maryland in the century after the Wiston family's economic collapse. It's almost circumstantially close enough to claim them.

? Is John b. 1728, my husbands ancestor, the John mentioned in Richard's will 1737 St. Mary Co. Maryland ?. He would be 9 years old!

One confusing item still remains about Mary Norris Shirley. When she died, the record says she was the daughter of Thomas Norris, but a John Norris claim Ignatuis Shirley as his son-in-law.

From your editor.....

You may recall my husbands ancestor is George Shirley b. 1761 Pa.(& John 1728) married Ruhannah Norris. She was the daughter of Joseph Norris B. 1729 in Washington County Maryland.

[The following taken from the NORRIS NEXUS]

According to one descendant (Racer, 1913), Joseph's father was John Norris and had at least two children, Joseph and John Norris, Jr.; A later, unknown author begins the genealogy of this family with Joseph Norris and he maintains that the Norris family was of English origin and settled in Maryland where it is said that the first one recorded in the State Archives is Thomas Norris in 1642. Although not directly asserted, the implication is that Joseph Norris was a descendent of the earliest Norris colonists in Maryland.

Joseph Norris, Sr. was born Jan. 11, 1728/29 in or near Sharpsburg in present day Washington County, Maryland, but which at that time was Baltimore County.

Racer thinks John Norris was of Scotch-Irish descent (i.e., of a family of Scots transplanted to Ireland by the English at some point, probably in the seventeenth century).

Editors comments..... I am sure that you can tell by my past statements, articles etc. that I believe the St. Mary County Maryland Shirleys play a key role in the Shirley family of the colonial period. I believe they will tie in with the Shirleys of Northumberland Co. Va. as well as from all appearances, my husbands family who are first found in Antietum, Washington County Maryland before going to Bedford/Huntington Co. Pennsylvania.

I will rest the St. Mary family group for awhile and concentrate elsewhere. I think my points have been made!

Fauquier Flashbacks

50 years ago
July 6, 1938

* * *

Warrenton's grand old man, J.W. Shirley, jailor, is one reason Fauquier County celebrates the early July holiday. Mr. Shirley's natal day is July 3rd and this year he celebrated his 81st birthday at a family party at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rector. "Pete" Shirley as he is affectionately called, is as well known as any man in Northern Virginia, and is "part and parcel" of Fauquier County.

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INDIANA SHIRLEYS FROM BARREN CO. KY.

Francis W. Shirley, Grandson of James and Mary (McMeekin) Shirley of Barren Co. Ky.

B. E. Shirley was born at Pittsborough in Hendricks County, Indiana, May 22, 1875. His father, Francis W. Shirley, died at Indianapolis in 1915, and his mother, Emily W. (Leake) Shirley, resides in that city. Many generations back Mr. Shirley's forefathers came from England and settled in Kentucky, and from that state have radiated into many others. The family vocation has been very largely agricultural in the past.

Until he was twenty-one years of age Mr. Shirley remained at home, attending school in Lincoln Township until he was sixteen, after which he was his father's main helper on the home farm. In the meanwhile his brother, A. E. Shirley, had started in the hardware business at Lizton in Hendricks County, and he became his brother's clerk and continued with him four years, during which time he gained a pretty thorough knowledge of the hardware business. In 1899 the family moved to Indianapolis, A. E. Shirley transferring his mercantile interests to that city, and B. E. Shirley continued in his employ for eight more years. He then became contract man for the Citizens Gas Company, and continued until that company was amalgamated in the Indianapolis Gas Company.

In 1912 Mr. Shirley became connected with the Pearson Piano Company of Indianapolis in the capacity of salesman, and through his fidelity to the company and his ability in salesmanship came into closer relations and in 1915 was sent to open a branch store at Anderson. This he successfully accomplished and has made it a center for musical circles in the city and adjacent towns, his territory taking in five counties. Mr. Shirley handles only first class musical instruments and these include pianos, piano players, phonographs and small instruments, designing to satisfy even critical and fastidious patrons who may have had musical training in other countries as well as his own. He is universally considered an able, honorable and upright business man.

Mr. Shirley was married in 1900 to Miss Laura M. Hayes, who is a daughter of Aaron and Maria (Spies) Hayes, of Marietta, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley have three children, one daughter and two sons, namely: Lillian Ruth, who was born in 1902; Elbert Aaron, who was born in 1904; and Edwin Hayes, who was born in 1912. Mr. Shirley and family belong to the First Presbyterian Church at Anderson.

While Mr. Shirley has always taken an intelligent interest in public matters and wherever he has lived has lent his influence in the favor of good Government and civic progress, he has never felt the necessity of formally uniting with any particular political party, believing that his own judgment and knowledge of men gained through his many years of business experience will usually lead him aright when he comes to casting a vote. In fraternal matters, however, he has been very prominent for years in the Knights of Pythias. While residing in Indianapolis he united with Arrow Lodge of that city and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge and since coming to Anderson has identified himself with Banner Lodge, in which he has passed all the chairs. He belongs also to the Travelers Protective Association.

Geneen Award. Richard L. Shirley, senior vice president and director of portfolio control and credit, ITT Commercial Finance Corporation, has received the Harold S. Geneen Award for personal achievement.

Shirley

Newspaper clippings sent by Alan Lamb.

Richard L. Shirley clipping from St. Louis, Mo. Mar. 15 '89 Central West End Journal.

MARSHALL CO. INDIANA SHIRLEYS

From Mason & Lewis Co. Ky. 1790 & early 1800's.

Phillip "Lowery" Shirley born Sept 20, 1846 died Jan 1, 1918, buried Oronoque, Kansas. He married Lydia Jane Seaver born July 17, 1851, died 1928, Norton, Kansas.

Children:

1. Arvilla Luella b. Dec 16, 1873 Inwood, IN.
2. William Monroe b. 1875 d. 1942
3. James Arthur b. ca. 1877
4. Ivah F. b. ca. 1879 (listed in census)
5. Owen Delbert b. 1882
6. Fred Ernest b. 1887 d. 1972 bur. Frankfort Kansas
7. Mabel Ann b. Nov. 7, 1890 Pawnee City Neb. died Jan. 27, 1982, buried Norton, KS.

The Shirley family moved from Inwood, Marshall County Indiana, by covered wagon to St. Louis Missouri, from there to Clifton, KS., and then to Lodan, KS, Pawnee City, Nebraska, Norcatur, KS, and settled in Norton, KS.

When Mabel was a child, the family lived east of Norton, across from the State Sanitorium, in a stone house. This house was torn down in 1971. Mabel attended the Pleasant Valley School, aka/Frog Pond, which was taught by Edith Miller Voeller, who later became Arvill's sister-in-law.

The family apparently moved from this address to the Gleason place, five miles north and one mile east of Norton, and from this place to the Sheeley farm, which was in a draw, with the house being a dugout in the west bank of the draw. The boys were old enough at this time to start out on their own. This was about April 1907.

During this time Jim Shirley may have been batching with Charlie Guthrie, who later became the husband of Mabel.

MORE INFORMATION ON THIS LINEAGE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SHIRLEY ASSOC. IF THIS IS YOUR BRANCH.

Info sent by a John Shirley who is not desc. from this branch but had received this from someone sometime back.

Note: The name Phillip in family records is Philemon. He is the grandson of John Ambrose Shirley who can be found in 1790 Mason Co. Ky.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Captain John and Evelyn Shirley of Annapolis Maryland will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 22, 1990. If you would like to send a card, their address is: 1223 Van Buren Dr. Annapolis Maryland 21403.

They have attended Shirley Conventions, went to England with us in 1986 and in 1989 and to Australia and New Zealand with us in 1989 also.

They celebrated some of the past anniversaries on the road with us. Now it is the big one and many of you have become acquainted with John and Evelyn through the years & past anniversaries.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JOHN AND EVELYN! Sorry we can't all be there to share in this special day!

JOHN & EVELYN SHIRLEY in 1989

(picture taken Queenstown, New Zealand)

John is descended from the John Ambrose Shirley branch of Mason Co. Ky. who went to Indiana. His son Ambrose Sheppard Shirley b. 1798, his son Francis Marion b. 1845, his son, George Ambrose b. 1872, father of Capt. John Shirley.

SHIRLEYS IN INDIAN TERRITORY (OK. 1800's)

[On page 9 Jan/Feb 1987 NEWS find another Shirley, William, who was in the same area and both of these Shirleys came from Ireland. I wonder if they are related...brothers?]

Material sent by June Thompson...

Dr. John Shirley, a native of Ireland, went to Texas after his marriage to Jane Patilla of Dardanelle, Arkansas, and was employed as a U.S, Government physician at Fort Concho, Texas, and thence came to Fort Arbuckle, Indian Territory where he also served the Wichita Agency Indians near Fort Cobb. He later engaged in the trading business with government contracts both at Fort Cobb and Fort Sill after that post was established in 1869, subsequently making his home at Cherokee Town on the Washita River. At this site about 2½ miles S.E. of present Pauls Valley, Garvin County, Dr. Shirley erected the first bridge on the Washita. When the first post office was esablished at Cherokee Town on Ausust 17, 1874, he was appointed the postmaster.

He died suddenly of promaine poisoning at Anardark, Indian Territory, and was buried at Phantom Hill, near Pauls Valley.

His daughter Kate, who married R. Fryrear, a cattleman in this vicinity, died in Oklahoma City in 1956 where she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Nora Agnes Eggleston for the past several years.

FROM PIONEER HISTORY....Interviews were done with local people in the 1930's. Here are a few statements from some of those interviewed.

Mr. Everet Baker of Pauls Valley recalls he stayed at Pauls Valley a short while and I went to Anadarka, OK. stayed there about 3 years. I was working for WILLIAM SHIRLEY who owned a trading post there. I did general work for him. I helped bale the first hay that was put up around there. Mr. Shirley owned a Buckeye Bailer and a Buckeye mowing machine. We hauled it to Fort Sill and sold the hay to the government.

I remember one Saturday at noon a Comanche Indian named Queena Vida, who was a friend of Mr. Shirley came and told him that the Kiowa Indians were going to raid us that night and take our mules and horses. Mr. Shirley sent me up on a hill to watch for the Indians and they started loading up at sundown. We left there and at 11 O'Clock we were 20 miles from there, crossing the Washita River at Black Beaver Ranch near Anadarko, OK. We had 40 mules and horses and eight wagons. This ranch was known as Shirley Trading Post.

At Cherokee Town crossing, Wynnewood there was an old cotton wood log store that belonged to Dr. John Shirley.

INTERVIEW WITH MAURICE ANDERSON IN 1937.

I have heard my father say he settled at old Cherokee Town right after the Civil War, and there was one store at Cherokee Town at that time. A Mr. Shirley owned this store, and it was a trading post for the Indians and negroes living in this part of the country.

The Government issued beef to the Indians and the Indians were camped on the Washita River south and north of Cherokee Town. Mr. Shirley said he saw as many as five hundred Indians on one camp ground.

The negroes living around here then raised small patches of corn, but I have heard him say that the Indians did not raise anything to eat. They would go on buffalo hunts, three or four hundred of them, and be gone sometimes fifteen days. When they came back he said they would have several ponies loaded down with buffalo and deer hides. They would trade these hides to Mr. Shirley who owned the store for merchandise which they wanted. He said the Comanche Indians did most of the going away to hunt. There were lots of the Cherokee Indians living around on the prairies, east of Cherokee Town.

Mr. Shirley has said that the Cherokee Indians didn't wear lots of beads like the Comanche and Kiowa Indians.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. R.S. DORCHESTER

There was a bridge across the Washita River near Cherokee Town which had been built by Dr. Shirley. Dr. Shirley had secured a Chickasaw permit in 1864 and established himself as a trader and rancher at Cherokee Town. He had removed there after leaving Fort Cobb, where he went with the Texas Reserve Indians in 1854. After the Civil War he sent his four older daughters to Fort Smith to attend school.

In 1875, a few months before Dr. Shirley

died, I married one of his daughters. We were married in Fort Smith.

The bridge fell in and afterwards Dr. Shirley's brother, an engineer from Mexico, came up there while I was there and drew plans for us and we put a good bridge in there. A toll charge of fifty cents was made.

LAUDERDALE CO. MISSISSIPPI

John Pinckney & William Washington Shirley

[Letter sent by member George N. Shirley, Jr. from family member written to George N.]

I talked to Aunt Betty Reynolds (the only living member of my father's family), and she told me that John Pinckney and William Washington WERE brothers. She said W.W. and his family often spent nights with them on their trips to Meridan. She said Pink stayed with her family much of the time during his last years. She thinks he died about the year of her birth, 1895, because her family talked about him teaching her brother, Grady, to box when Grady was about three of four years old and he was four years older than she was. So I think we can safely list John Pinckney's birth about 1827 and his death about 1895. She said Pink and Sarah Shirley are both buried in the Martin Cemetary, but doesn't know the exact location. While I am on the subject of cemetaries: She told me that your great-grandfather, James Norman Shirley, once owned a store at Whynot near the location of Bethany Baptist Church - which, incedentally, was partially destroyed by fire recently. His oldest child, named Charlie, is buried there. The cemetary was enlarged recently, but the gravesite was in the southwest corner of the old cemetary. I asked her about the location of Shirley Field, or Hill, and she said she knew it as "The Wade Place." Her family lived there for awhile. The present owner is John Chatham, and his house is across the road from the old homesite. I asked about the J.B. Shirley on the 1860 census (Lauderdale co.) and she never heard of him. She said Sarah's father was named Daniel Martin, but that she also had a brother whose name was Daniel so I guess the age would be the determining factor. She knew about Nancy that you mentioned. She said that Nacy married a Griffis and had lived near Chunky, Miss., but she knew little else. She said that two of Pink's boys went to Texas and stayed, John and Benjamin, and that her family had stayed in Texas awhile after the turn of the century. She remembered that they came back to Miss. soon after her tenth birthday (1905), and lived at Increase (now Causeyville). I went with my father to visit their home-place in Texas in 1936, and we visited a man named Allen Shirley, one of John's boys, who lived near Lufkin in east Texas. Daddy visited some other relatives, but I was fifteen then and more interesed in hunting so I learned very little about that portion of the family.....

[See July 1980 NEWS page 6 & 7 for more info on this branch of Shirleys].

GREEN COUNTY ALABAMA SHIRLEYS

Richard b. ca. 1798 S.C. who is believed to be the son of John Shirley, Jr. who is the son of John and Eliz. Barmore Shirley of South Carolina...is listed in the 1850 census of Green Co. AL.

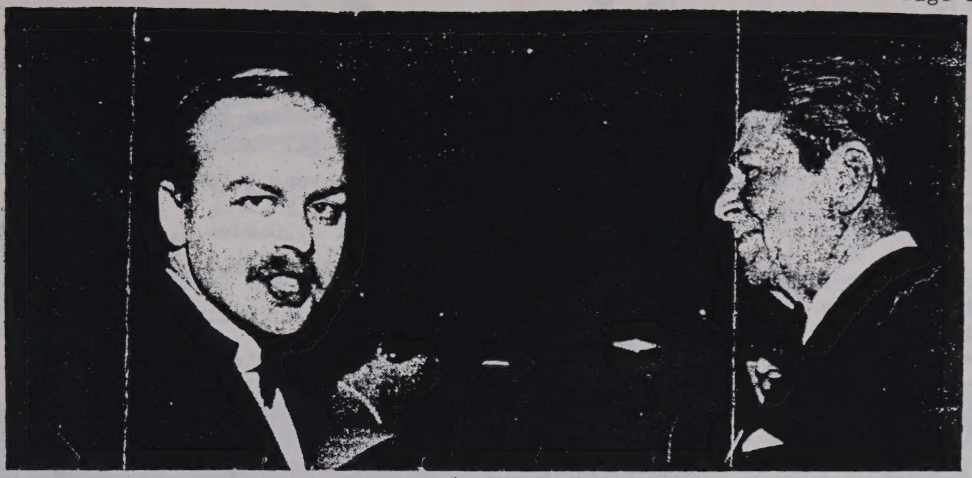
George N. Shirley, Jr. sent the following information about Bethel Baptist Church. The location of the church is just across the Green Co. border in Ralph, Alabama (Tuscaloosa County).

ON MAY 10, 1834, THIRTY-TWO MEN AND WOMEN, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GRANTS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, JOINED HANDS IN THE WORK OF THE MASTER BY CONSTITUTING A CHURCH, NOW KNOWN AS THE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

The following ministers conducted the service: Rev. Robert Marsh, Rev. Mede White, Rev. Thomas NORRIS, and REv. Job Wilson. Worship services continued to be held in the Buck Creek School House until 1836, when a church building was erected at the summit of Bethel Hill near the site of the present building. The church was renamed BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

CHARTER MEMBERS

James M. Garner
Margaret Garner
Benjamin Harrell
Elizabeth Harrell
Issac Harrell
John M. Harrell
Mary Hacker
Francis Leavell
Richard Leavell
Mary Leavell
Robert Leavell
Mary Massey
Francis Neal
Jesse Neal
Edith Neal
Thomas L. Neal
Lucinda Neal
Benjamin Neal, Sr.
Lucinda Neal
Benjamin Neal, Jr.
Elizabeth Neal
William Neal
Amelia Neal
Lewis Pope
John Reeder
Catherine Reeder
Richard Shirley
Mary Shirley
Mary Thompson
Phebe Thompson
Andrew Vernon
Nancy Vernon



Former Valley Resident Meets President Reagan *Former Valley resident and Corcoran Hight School graduate, Craig Shirley, met recently with President Reagan at a black tie reception in the Nation's Capitol. Shirley, 28, is the son of former Syracuse Firefighter Edward Shirley (deceased) and Barbara S. Eckert of Rochester. Shirley recently formed his own public relations consulting firm whose current clients include Vice President Bush, pollster Arthur Finkelstein, the Republican National Committee and the National Conservative Foundation among others. Shirley is married to the former Zorine Bhappu of Arizona. The couple just recently had their first child, a baby boy named Mathew McGiveron Shirley.*

Local boy beats the Conservative drum for Vice President Bush

by Neil Driscoll

While all eyes are focusing on the last weeks of the local political campaigns, one former Syracusan's eyes are focusing on next year's and 1988's elections.

Craig Shirley, a former Valley resident and graduate of Corcoran High School, is playing a key role for Republicans in next year's congressional and Senate races and for Vice President George Bush's potential campaign for president in 1988.

Shirley is a political consultant to Bush and a number of conservative political organizations. He describes himself as a "Syracuse boy who has come to Washington to seek fame and fortune, but mostly fortune and work for the Conservative cause."

During the past 10 years, he has worked for Conservative/Republican candidates, causes and organizations including the Republican National Committee and The National Conservative Political Action Committee, the American Conservative Union and Arthur J. Finkelstein and Associates.

Finkelstein, by the way, is the pollster for Republican mayoral candidate Roy Bernardi's campaign.

One of Shirley's most memorable statements came in 1984 when he explained the difficulty NCPAC had in reaching its financial goals — even though it raised $14 million.

"Walter Mondale is hard to raise money against because our contributors don't take him seriously. We all would have done better if the presidential race would have been closer," Shirley said a few days prior to the election.

Shirley was in Michigan Wednesday night with Bush in his official capacity as a political consultant to the Political Action Committee, Fund For America's Future.

The PAC's purpose is to help achieve the adoption of President Reagan's programs by electing Republican candidates in 1986. Vice President Bush organized the committee in May and has the title of founder and honorary chairman.

Shirley in the past month has been carrying Bush's banner in the Washington press over the conservative infighting over who is more of a conservative, George Bush or his potential rival for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, Rep. Jack Kemp, R-Buffalo.

"I have a soft spot for George Bush because he flew the same plane as my uncle did (in World War II), a TBF-1 Avenger," said Shirley, jokingly explaining his motivation for supporting Bush.

A graduate of Springfield College in Mass., Shirley is the son of the late Edward Shirley, a Syracuse firefighter and conservative political activist who died in 1977.

His father and his mother, Barbara, were charter members of the Conservative Party, joining in 1961.

Shirley describes his family as "a pure political family" since his wife, Zorine, works for the Republican National Committee.

Top article from Nov. 11 '85 ONONDAGA VALLEY NEWS (N.Y.) Lower article from Oct. 3, '85 HERALD-JOURNAL Syracuse N.Y. Sent by Carig's brother, John Shirley, member of the Shirley Association.

ISAAC SHIRLEY 1785-1859)

Married Catherine Hendrickson
Sept. 22, 1811 Washington Co. Ky.

They were the parents of 12 children (See April 1982 NEWS page 17 for this lineage).

Their daughter Elizabeth born Nov. 14, 1817 in Shelby County Indiana. She married Daniel McAtee on Jan. 2, 1834, in a Baptist ceremony. They lived in Indiana until 1838-39, when they moved to Grundy Co. Mo.

Eliz. died April 30, 1886 and Daniel died 3 yrs. earlier on Jan. 29, 1883. Both are buried in Coon Creek Cemetary (Union Bapt. Church), Madison Twp. of Grundy Co. Mo.

They were the parents of 9 children: McATEE

1. Margaret Jane Dec 1, 1834 d. 1907
   m. 1st Obadiah Hudson
   2nd Solomon T. Cole
2. Mary Ann Feb 21, 1837 d. 1907
   m. Joel Jefferson Long
3. Melissa b. ca. 1839 m. Richard Hudson
4. James H. b. ca. 1841 no info
5. William Abner Oct 22, 1842 d. 1919
   m. Dicy Harper
6. Rose Ann b. ca. 1847 d. 1879
   m. J.A. Hunter
7. Nancy Eliz. July 20, 1849 d. 1934
   m. John W. Hughes
   Eli Fanning
8. Eliza M. b. ca. 1852 d. bef. 1881
   m. John Burnett
9. Daniel S. McAtee 1854 d. 1932

Note: Margaret Jane and Melissa married the Hudson brothers.

SUBMITTED BY DOROTHY BOWLIN
She is interested in more material on her branch and especially interested in info reguarding the parents of Isaac Shirley. Her address is: 20136 Pierce Rd., Saratoga, California 95070.

My 3rd great grandmother was Sarah Shirley who married Mason Grover. Their names were found on the birth certificate of my gggrandmother, Sarah Grover who married Wm. P. Huston.

Sarah Shirley Grover lived in New York, Canada, New Hampshire and possibly Maine in the late 1700's.

I do not have dates or places of birth, death, marriage or how many children she had other than her daughter, Sarah Grover.

Can anyone help me?

Carol J. Gamino
5226 103 Ave. SE
Olympia, WA. 98503

Hardin Shirley married Cassandra Moore 1832 in Shelby Co. Ind. In the 1840's he became the guardian of Jessie H. Watkins b. Franklin Co. Ind 1846. WHO are Jesse's parents? I would like to correspond with anyone who have Shirley's who married Moore and Watkins spouses.

Macie Williams
739 Newberry
Richardson, Texas 75080

If anyone has the LOOKINGBILL family name prior to 1830, please notify Anne S. Bumpus.

If anyone finds the name LUKE ABE SHA[illegible], SHAWLEY, SHIRLEY in Pa., Md., or Va. prior to 1790 please notify Anne S. Bumpus at: 2717 Gray Circle
Columbia, TN 38401

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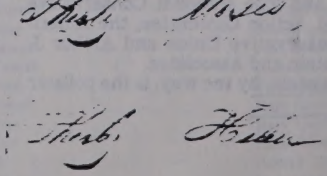
NOTE: 1840 WASHINGTON CO. AL.
(later becomes Choctaw Co.)

MOSES SHIRLEY head of household.

Then a few lines down...looks like HELEN SHIRLEY. This is not listed in the index. George N. Shirley, Jr., discovered this and wonders if she was the mother a large family? What do you think?



(but then Brunswick)

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"	"	Lett'd L W T accounts of Wm Thompson
1772	Wm Gibson	Wit will of Geo. Rust (Rusel Parish)

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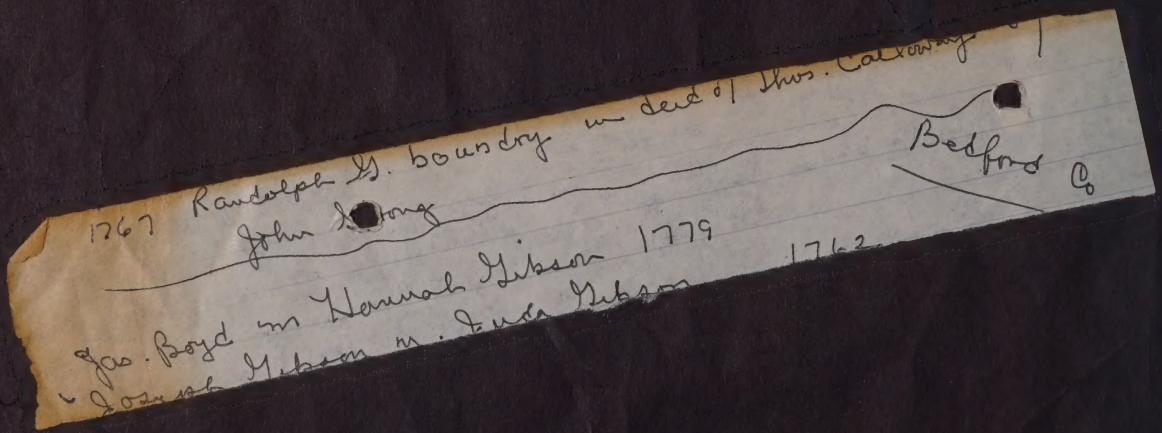
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THE LEVI BERRYMAN SHIRLEY FAMILY OF BABUN CO. GEORGIA

BERRYMAN SHIRLEY, SR. OF HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA

Berryman Shirley was born March 18, 1795 in South Carolina and died March 3, 1875 Alto, Georgia. He married Susannah Starnes who was born April 8, 1792 and she died July 13, 1877 Alto, GA.

Children:

1. Young Jackson born August 26, 1817
   married: 1st. Sarah Ann Jordan (no child. in census)
   2nd. Caroline Loggins July 6, 1862
   3rd. Mary Elizabeth Morris March 19, 1863
   4th. Margaret Elizabeth Crow

   children by Mary Elizabeth Morris:

   (1). Martha Elizabeth born June 25, 1864 m. James Cranston Thompson

   (2). male infant

   (3). Young James (Jim) born March 14, 1867

   (4). John Franklin born March 17, 1868
   m. 1st Rosa Gailey
   2nd. Margaretta Etheline Gailey

   (5). William Beverley born February 13, 1870
   m. Pleasant Holley King

   (6). Mary Bashaba born December 27, 1871 m. William Thomas Ivie

   (7). Sara Vesta born Sept 8, 1874

   (8). male infant

   children by Margaret E. Crow:

   (9). Margaret Jane born February 9, 1877 m. Alford Gailey

   (10) Young James

   (11) Francis Hettie Ann born June 3, 1881 m. Harwell Gailey

2. Beverley V. born February 14, 1820
   m. 1st. Malinda Jones
   2nd. Vest Nix

   children by Malinda:

   (1). Martha Ann born March 17, 1840, m. James G. Lawrence

   (2). William Beverley born April 9, 1841 m. 1st_____ Hendrix, 2nd_____?

   (3). Lucinda Francis born Feb 16, 1843 m. George Devors

   (4). Leonard Calvin born November 26, 1847 m. Matilda Fords

   (5). Cosby L. born January 20, 1847 m. Mary Wilbanks

   (6). Josiah Starnes born February 1, 1849
   m. 1st. Martha Hollingworth
   m. 2nd. Sarah Olive Campbell

(7). Elizabeth M. born June 15, 1851 m. Bud Barnett

(8). Jackson B. born June 15, 1854 died Oct. 21, 1854

children by Vesta Nix:

(9). child born dead

(10) Sarah Mallissa born December 5, 1856 m. John Ford

(11) Young Jackson born March 14, 1858 m. Mattie Oswalt

3. Mary Ann (Polly) born ca. 1822 m. Christopher Smith who was born ca. 1804 in North Carolina.

NO CHILDREN.

4. Berryman Jr. born December 19, 1825 died Nov 22, 1864 m. Bashaba Jones July 13, 1844 Rabun County Georgia. She was born April 5, 1824.

Children:

(1). Willoughby Jasper born June 1850 m. Cynthia Peyton

(2). Jasper Newton born April 22, 1852 died Nov. 9, 1904 m. Cloma Childers in 1876.

(3). Levi Berryman born April 21, 1856 d. Oct 28, 1930 m. Rachel Whitmore January 23, 1876. She was born March 6, 1859. Levi Berryman joined the Baptist Church May 18, 1872 and was ordained Deacon July 1883. SEE COVER PHOTO!

Children:

A. Mary Ida born February 11, 1877 died Oct 18, 1960 married Andrew Cragg. They had 11 children.
B. William Rufus born December 29, 1878 died May 16, 1950. m. Minnie Johnson. They had 2 children.
C. Rachel Bashaba born May 30, 1881 died Sept 25, 1881
D. Nancy Eva born August 9, 1882 died Feb. 11, 1972 m. George Wiley Jarrett.

Children:

(a). Thelma (deceased)
(b). Zora (I visited her this summer and she provided the cover photo and some of this material)

E. Berryman Jessero born April 10, 1884 died Aug 26, 1962 m. Julia Dillard. No Children.
F. Andrew Raven born January 31, 1888 died April 23, 1952 m. Beatrice Taylor. They had one son.
G. Cora Elizabeth born February 16, 1890 died Oct. 20, 1978 m. Cellon Powell. They had 3 daughters.
H. Lewis Dalphus born January 16, 1894 died Sept 6, 1969 m. Ruth Downey. No Children.
I. Hannah Angeline born May 14, 1895 died May _, 1968 m. Rev. Dock Penland. They had 1 daughter.

(4). William Andrew born August 25, 18__ m. Mary Jane Thompson

(5). Mose Lafayette born July 21, 18__ died Sept 20, 1910 m. Lizzie Thompson

(6). Mary Bashaba born May 28, 1854 died Nov 29, 1933
m. Joseph M. Watts

(7). Louis Neal born June 17, 1864 died Aug 12, 1916
m. 1st. Sarah Watts Nov 14, 1885
m. 2nd. Sibbie Bynum March 1900

5. Mary Lydia born ca. 1824 m. Asberry B. Wadkins

6. Elizabeth born ca. 1828 m. Joseph E. Beaty

7. Susannah born ca. 1832 m. Benjamin Ellard

Bashaba Jones, wife of Berryman Shirley Jr. and Malinda Jones, wife of Beverley Shirley, were daughters of William Jones one of the earliest settlers of Rabun Co. GA. William Jones married Bashaba Coffee who was a sister to General Ed Coffee, the buyer of land in Rabun Co. He had married Sarah Neville. There were five Coffee brothers who came to this County with him.

Berryman Shirley born Dec. 19, 1825 died of this life Nov 22, 1864 is on an early carved tombstone at Bethel Church cemetery at Tiger (Rabun Co) Georgia. He was in Company E 16 GA Infantry C.S.A. and was severely wounded in the Keenesaw Mt. area. He wanted to see his wife just one more time. He was carried first to his father's house in Habersham County and was moved by his father's slaves to his home at Bethel (in Rabun County) where he died.

In a book written about the history of Rabun County by Dickerson, it says Berryman Shirley Sr. came to Habersham County Georgia from South Carolina. He married a Starnes and her father was a preacher.

THE FOLLOWING WAS WRITTEN ABOUT THE PAST AS REMEMBERED BY FLETCHER SHIRLEY, NOW 76 YEARS OF AGE.

Fletcher remembers going to Elizabeth Crow's house after she died. Fletcher's mother asked his father why didn't he get some things of Y.J. Shirleys as everyone else had got something and he hadn't gotten anything yet. Fletcher's father hitched up a two horse wagon and he and Fletcher went over.

In the attic there were old beds, chests and one old bed William Shirley wouldn't take because it had ropes for springs and he wasn't going to sleep on it as it was too uncomfortable and he had springs to sleep on. He had slept on that bed when he was a boy. {The bed had probably belonged to Berryman Sr.}.

These are some of the things Fletcher remembers they did get. A box of shoe makers forming lasts, froe, old tools, spinning wheel, two or three malls, chest made from wide poplar lumber boards, couple of meat chests, old churns, jugs (for syrup) barrels, gum barrel about 2 ft. in diameter made from hollowed gum tree, gears, cradle, mowing blades, Berryman Shirley's old quilt frames, cooking utensils, sheep shears, gimlets.

Fletcher has a hatchet from his father who said it was "paps" (Y.J. Shirley), also he has the spinning wheel, quilt frames, shoe lasts, a froe, sheep shears, gimlets, chisels, tools and maybe a cooking utensil that was among the things that W.B. Shirley took from Elizabeth Crow Shirleys house belonging to Y.J.Shirley. They put some of the stuff in the barn and it stayed there for a long time. They used the jugs and churns and stored grain in the gum barrels and meat in the meat chests.

Fletcher has Y.J. Shirleys' long Kentucky muzzle loader rifle

originally a flint lock. Y.J. Shirley being a mechanic (wood and iron) modernized the flint lock to a cap and ball. Reason it was so battered up he had it out in a hollow tree to keep Yankees from finding it after the Civil War. Fletcher personally purchased the rifle from John Shirley eldest son of Y.J. Shirley for $5.00 about the year 1943.

Fletcher also remembers a side saddle being in the attic. He thought it had a funny horn on it. There were other saddles up there, but Fletcher had never seen one like it and asked his Father about it. His Dad said it was Aunt Polly's side saddle.

WILL OF YOUNG JACKSON SHIRLEY

Habersham County Georgia {1883}

In the name of God Amen. I, Young J. Shirley of said state and county being advanced in age and knowing that I must depart this life deem it right and proper to both respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my last will and testament.

1st Item; I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner, my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Eternal Salvation through the merits and atonements of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose Religion I have professed, and as I humbly trust enjoyed forty five years.

2nd Item; I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors herein after named and appointed.

3rd Item; I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Margaret E. Shirley for and during her natural life or widowhood parts of lots of land first number one hundred and fifty six in the Tenth District of said County containing sixty acres more or less. 2nd lot number one hundred and sixty five, one hundred and twenty five acres more or less in the Tenth District of said County. 3rd lot number 155, 10 District being 165 acres more or less, having debts to each of these numbers which gives a full description of each lot and number, to live and to be enjoyed by her, equally with my eight heirs to wit, Martha E. Shirley, John F. Shirley, Wm. B. Shirley, Bashaba M. Shirley, Vestah S. Shirley, Margaret J. Shirley, Young J. Shirley Jr., Francis H. Shirley. It is my will and desire that my wife and children remain together and cultivate the lands doing the best you all can for your support and education and live in peace and serve God in the best manner you can.

Item 4; I give and bequeath to my beloved wife for and during her natural life all my household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, smith tools, mechanical tools, wagons and what I possess, one horse Bruit Stock hogs cattle and sheep to be used and enjoyed by her self and my eight heirs as long as they stay together, if any of the boys or girls marries, do the best you can to fit them up for house keeping according to your needs, let them build on the land imbraced in this will and clear for themselves and make their own support without rent provided my wife can, with help from the rest support herself and then, if Elisabeth, in declining age should become weakly and sickly, I want you children to take care of her as a mother. I want her to care for you children as a mother.

Item 5; It is my will and desire at the death of my wife Margaret E. Shirley that the lands and property described in the

foregoing items that is left at her death to be equally divided between my eight heirs named in this will in the following manner. 1st that my executors have the power to choose or select three disinterested men to divide the lands equally between my eight heirs as near as they can and all the rest of the property that remains of my estate equally to each heir. 2nd It is my will that my executor or my executrix have the power to execute or make a deed to each heir the part that is allotted to them by the trustees or men appointed for that purpose. If any of the heirs is not satisfied to live on their part given to them they can sell to some of the rest of the heirs or somebody else.

Item 5; I hereby constitute and appoint my son John F. Shirley my executor and my daughter Martha E. Shirley my executrix of this my last will and testament this March 8th 1883.

Signed sealed declared and published by Young J. Shirley.....

THE BERRYMAN SHIRLEY MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY MR. AND MRS FLETCHER SHIRLEY.

Note: See SHIRLEY NEWS October 1982, page 3 and 4 for more previous Berryman Shirley article. The above is updated and more complete than the earlier article.

DESCENDANTS OF THE HABERSHAM COUNTY GA. SHIRLEYS CAN BE FOUND IN VARIOUS OTHER COUNTIES OF GA. AS WELL AS TUSCALOOSA CO. ALA ETC.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SHIRLEY NEWS WILL ADDRESS THE LINEAGE BEFORE THEY CAME TO HABERSHAM AND RABUN CO. GA. AND PROVIDE SOME OTHER ENLIGHTENING MATERIAL ON SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEYS AND RELATED FAMILIES FROM MATERIAL GATHERED ON MY RECENT TRIP THERE.

A N N O U N C I N G !

S H I R L E Y M E E T I N G

NOVEMBER 3rd, 1990

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

If you live in Arizona or have relatives who do, please either write to the office here in Cupertino for further details or you may contact our host and hostess...Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Joe) Shirley at: 602-840-5808 in late Sept. as they will be back by then from a trip. IN OCTOBER WE WILL BE SENDING A LETTER WITH LOCATION AND DETAILS FOR THIS EVENT TO ANYONE WHO LIVES IN AZ. WHO HAS CORRESPONDED WITH OUR OFFICE, INCLUDING MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT AND THOSE LISTED WITH THE LAST NAME OF SHIRLEY FOUND IN THE TELEPHONE BOOK IN ARIZONA. We were unable to confirm the location by the date this issue of the NEWS went to print.

I might also mention that Hugh Shirley, son of Major John and Judith Shirley who own ETTINGTON in England (the original seat of the Shirley family), will be coming with us to Arizona. He will NOT however be able to be at the Saturday meeting as he will be flying home on Friday, the day before. We do hope to have a gathering the evening before his departure for those who might be interested in meeting him. The location will be in Phoenix AZ. Write or call for detail..as above!

We are bringing Hugh Shirley to view the Grand Canyon and this is how it happens he will be with us in AZ. & it NOW gives us the opportunity to have a meeting there to meet more SHIRLEYS!

The 1990 National SHIRLEY Convention was held in Barren County Kentucky June 9th and 10th. SHIRLEY descendants from several states attended. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves, and, we were told this was the best convention we have had to date.

We are sorry if you were unable to attend! I will give you a report about the convention and the research trip following the convention.

My niece, Barbara, and I left San Jose on Thursday June 7th at 7:00 AM, arriving in Nashville, TN at 3:00 PM. We gathered our luggage, rented a car, (it only had 54 miles on it), and took off for the Archives in Nashville. We stayed until closing and then dashed on to Cave City KY. where we checked into the motel about 9:00 PM. The next morning we were off for a day of adventure. We drove over to Adair County in hopes of locating the graves of Thomas and his brother, John Shirley. These brothers married the Yates sisters and they came from Spotsylvania County VA.

The search was not an easy one. I knew the cemetery was near the town of Mills but I could not find Mills on my road atlas. Eventually we did find it and the next step was to locate the cemetery. After a few attempts, we did find someone who gave us the directions to a private plot where the SHIRLEYS are buried. To get to this cemetery, we had to drive down an old road off of the main one, go across a bridge with no sides, turn up the road to the right and we would see a deserted house and barn. The plot would be behind the barn. Well, we found the barn and discovered we could not just simply go back behind the barn. There was an electric fence about 2 1/2 feet high. We decided to go under the wire and hope for the best. Staring straight at us were several cows. We kept our distance as best we could. We did carry a couple of big sticks for protection in case we ran into snakes! There was a grove of trees just on the other side of the cows. We edged our way near the electric fence as it circled around to the outer edge of the grove. Among the trees we could see the headstones. I photographed each one and also took video pictures. We DID NOT see John or Thomas name on any of these headstones. We did learn later that they were of their family.

From here we went back to the main road and to a house we were told some SHIRLEYS lived. Sure enough, the name SHIRLEY was on the mail box. They invited us in and said they had just returned from Florida that morning. We told them we had just come from that cemetery. We learned this was where his Shirley grandfather and great grandfather had lived. As to where John and Thomas are buried...they did not know. They have heard there is another cemetery where they are but to date have never found it, and they have looked for it in the past. We had to return back to Cave City for the pre-convention gathering, so, we will have to come back to Adair County another time to continue our search for the graves of John and Thomas SHIRLEY.

We had a nice turn out for the SHIRLEY Convention. The morning was spent in presenting the Shirley story, meeting and hearing from those attending and learning about their branch of the SHIRLEYS. The afternoon was devoted to three speakers, one being James Young. Following the afternoon break, we heard from a panel of Shirley descendants who fielded questions on their research etc.

The next day was a beautiful day for our trip to the home of James and Gwin Young. Here we had dinner on the grounds and a tour of their beautiful home. They have so many old photographs of the Shirleys and precious personal things that had belonged to this family along with some fantastic antiques.

We visited the old YOUNG & SHIRLEY store and the Dripping Springs Baptist Church. The church was constituted February 3rd, 1798. Rev. Robert Stockton was the minister. Several Shirleys are in the church records. Everyone went into the church and looked at the original books. James Young felt inspired to go to the piano and started

playing "My Old Kentucky Home". We all found a place to sit and began singing along. Then a request came in for the "Old Rugged Cross"...a song I am sure has been sung many times at this church by the Shirley ancestors. Then another song, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". I don't know about anyone else but it gave me goose bumps. I could only think of those SHIRLEYS of so long ago and what they would think of us sitting here singing these old songs in THEIR church and our quest to learn more about THEM.

We went to places like Granny's Spring near where the old Shirley house had stood at one time. James pointed to the location of the graves of Thomas and Molly Grubbs Shirley. They are not marked with headstones. We talked about the possibility of contacting the descendants of this branch to raise funds to get a headstone made. Not many people will know where the graves are after James is gone. We need to think about this.

We also visited the site where James and Mary McMekin are buried. It was overgrown with weeds about 5 feet high. We did not actually see anything here. A few people did try and stomp and chop some of the weeds and a couple of headstones were discovered. This was our last stop. It was now time for Barbara and I to say good bye. It is always so sad to part. We were having such a good time and to soon it was all over.

Barbara and I headed for Fort Boonesboro in Madison County KY. We drove to the National Park and visited the ruins of the old Fort. Part of the original foundation is still there. We began looking for a stone with the names of Michael, Katy and Charles SHIRLEY written on it. We did not find it that evening. We asked the Park Ranger about it and he said it was a mile away at the site of the reconstructed fort and it wouldn't be open until the next day. I then inquired about any real old cemeteries and he directed us to one less than a mile away. We drove that direction but didn't find it. I suggested we stop at a house we had just passed and ask if they knew about the cemetery and who might be buried in it. The lady there said it was a real old one and it was just about 50 yards up the road. Barbara and I went there and I told her there was no way I was going into THAT CEMETERY. It was almost dark in there and the sun had already gone down. There were weeds and overgrowth, the limbs of the trees hung low and it was to much for me. We started walking back to the car and as we looked up, we saw three gals walking toward us and they were yelling that they decided to come and show us California gals some Kentucky hospitality. I yelled back that we might be crazy but I'm not THAT CRAZY and there was no way I was going in there tonight. The one gal said she wasn't afraid, she'd been in there before and OLD CHARLIE was buried in there. She said she had found his headstone in there one other time. She explained that this person had fallen off the bridge many years ago. They picked up a hefty size stick and took off...and we went with them after all. We were nervous and concerned that if we didn't run into snakes or the like, we surely would get ticks. Glad to say, we did not on any of the above, including the entire trip! We also did not find any SHIRLEYS buried here but what an experience. It is one we won't forget! These gals were a real crack up and a lot of fun. The one kept calling out to Charlie saying, "where are you Charlie". I know you are in here. She finally found the grave she was looking for and the funny thing..his name was not Charlie. We worked our way back to the road. We exchanged names and got directions back to a motel where we spent the night. The next day we went to the new fort. We found the stone with the SHIRLEY names, took pictures of it and visited briefly inside the fort. Then we were off for the Madison Court House a few miles away. We copied several documents and were on the road again by noon.

Our next stop was the Court House in Harrison County KY. This was a longer trip than I had calculated..time wise. We copied material here and left for Scott County Court House which we learned was to close at 4:30 PM. After this, we visited the library and found all sorts of

interesting Shirley references. We had a good many things copied and it was 8:00PM when we left the library. We stopped a few blocks away to have some dinner and then we were back on the road. We had reservations at a motel in Murfreesboro Tennessee and arrived there at midnight. The next morning we called Delman Shirley's room in the motel and asked if he and his sister, Alice Collins, were ready to go to Cannon County to visit their ancestors area. We had made these arrangements at the Shirley Convention. So we had breakfast together with their group and our next stop was the Cannon County TN Court House. I copied a few things here, picked up some maps and we chatted with some of the local people. We then headed across the street to the bank to speak to a gentleman who was involved with the local genealogy group. Just as we were going up the steps, I looked over in the parking space by the curb and saw a $10 bill! What a streak of luck that was. After this visit we all preceded to the local library for a short check on the local records. Didn't find anything new that I thought I needed and because time was passing pretty fast now, decided to get on the road again for the next stop in Woodbury. We said our good byes to Delman, Alice and group, and dashed to Woodbury to meet Jemima Shirley. She and her late husband, T.G. Shirley, went to England with us in 1986. In fact they were the ones whose picture was in the London newspaper. The picture had been taken during our visit to the Public Records office to see the Shirley Pedigree on display.

Jemima was waiting for us at the Court House as per our plan. We copied things here and then were off to White County TN to see what we could find here. Again, we copied some various things and looked around the area before heading back to Woodbury to get Jemima's car. We then headed for her home in Ringgold Georgia making one stop to visit Paul Shirley in Whitwell, Marion County TN.

We called from a little store on the road to see if they were home. His wife answered the phone and said she would come and get us. Paul was actually at his lodge meeting. We followed her over to the lodge and waited for him. We all got in their car and they took us to see the area where their Shirleys lived, the cemeteries and SHIRLEYTOWN. (I'll run some stories later).

We arrived at Jemima's in Ringgold about midnight, had a snack as we had not had dinner yet. We went to bed about 1:30 AM and up about 7:30 AM. Jemima showed me her research she had collected for years. Fortunately she had a copy machine and said I could copy anything I thought I could use. Well, I did and this took a couple of hours. Jemima fixed breakfast and she and Barbara cleaned up as I stood copying as fast as I could and reading through various books and notes.

Our next stop was a surprise visit to Zora Jarret in Calhoun Georgia. She is a descendant of the Habersham Co. GA SHIRLEYS. She was indeed surprised and she showed us pictures and family information on her family. She allowed us to take her material into town to find a copy machine. We brought her things back to her in about 45 minutes and we were off again for Cornelia Georgia.

We arrived in Cornelia about 3:30 PM and met up with Fletcher and his wife, Vesta Shirley. They helped us find a motel and helped carry our luggage to our room. Fletcher made a call to Conny Shirley who was waiting to get his call saying we had arrived...and we were off to see Conny. We all loaded into his car for a visit to the Rabun County and visited cemeteries etc. Upon arrival back to his house, he and his wife insisted we join them for dinner. She is a GREAT cook! From here we went back to Cornelia where Vesta took their car and went home. Fletcher went in our car and we stopped at some SHIRLEY CEMETERIES and places his family had lived. It was dark when we arrived at Fletcher's home. Vesta got her research out to show me and had been kind enough to have it copied for me before I arrived. We left their house just before midnight and got to the motel, called

home and it was after 1:00 AM before we turned out the lights.

The next morning we spent at the Habersham County Court House where we copied many additional items on other Shirleys. Then from here we headed for Honea Path South Carolina. We arrived for a brief visit with Dot and Julian Ricketts before going on to see Lydie Thomas at Due West. That evening we met with several Shirley descendants at Yoder's Restaurant. It was great to see John and Caroline Scott, Jim and Fran Pinson, Alex and Jean Conselyea, Lillian Shirley, Mary McKeel, and several others who came to the meeting. We were disappointed Jim Austin was not able to make it. We learned he had just been to the doctor that very afternoon and the doctor was considering placing him in the hospital the next day. It appeared he might have a blood clot.

We spent the night with Lydie Thomas and after breakfast the next morning, we were off for the Court House in Laurens County S.C. Here we copied many items and then went to the library. We spent the morning here looking up material and copying various items.

Just a short time before we were ready to leave the library, the librarian approached me and asked if I was Betty Shirley. She said I had a phone call. A gentleman on the other end said he was Ellis Oakes. He apologized for not being able to make the meeting at Yoders but they had just returned from a trip. He invited us over after we finished at the library. We make a brief stop here and then were off for the Spartansburg County Court House and the library to continue our SHIRLEY research. It was after 8:00PM by the time we arrived at Dot and Julian's house in Honea Path where we were spending the night. Dot had dinner ready for us and then we went to Jim Pinson's house as he offered the night before to take us over to see the Obediah Shirley house when we got back from our research expedition. From Obediah's we went for a stop over at Jim Austin's as I was concerned if he had been placed in the hospital. He was at home and we were delighted to have a chance for a visit. He was up and about and the crisis seemed to be over. [Jim went to England with our group last year and we had a great time. He also is the gentleman who gave us the Obediah Shirley house that we were involved with for a period of time]. He and I have become very good friends and I was certainly relieved to find he was making some progress in his condition. I have checked on him a couple of times since I have been home and he is fine now.

We sat up until after 1:00 AM at Dot and Julian's as we had not had much time for visiting yet. The next morning we were up early, re-packed our luggage and put it back into the car. We left Honea Path about 11:00 AM and stopped in Anderson at the library. We lost track of time and suddenly realized we should have left an hour before. We dashed to the car and Barbara drove OVER 70 miles per hour most of the way to Atlanta. We ran and JUST made the flight. Everyone was already seated and they had just made the last call. We arrived in San Jose at 8:30 PM.

The next day I organized the research we had collected and there was a stack of copied papers OVER 6 inches high plus we had a note book each with notes we copied of various items we hadn't photo copied. I think we had a very successful trip! I have come back refreshed in knowing we have more knowledge than ever before on the SHIRLEYS. I am pleased to have so many deeds and other documents in hand.

Another item I am so pleased to have is the church minutes from a few of the churches of the early period attended by SHIRLEYS.

NOW...BACK TO THE CONVENTION! Several of those attending asked where we were going to have the one next year. I said I had not planned on having one next year and they were disappointed and urged me to do one. So...I have decided to do it.

The 1991 NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION will be held in Prince William County Virginia June 22 & 23rd.

WALTER SHIRLEY REUNION OF DESCENDANTS! FRIDAY JUNE 22, 1991 Berkeley County Virginia (day before the convention).

LAURENS COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEY DESCENDANTS REUNION will be held June 29, 1991 in Laurens County.

Details will be announced in the next issue of the NEWS. Please begin making plans now to attend...and PLEASE PASS THE WORD to other Shirleys and family members. Thanks!

A N N O U N C I N G

1992 PLANS FOR TOUR TO ENGLAND.

Several of you have asked if I would consider taking another group to England. The answer is YES! IF we get enough people who want to go in May 1992, I will be happy to organize another tour for you. Write me if you are interested!

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from your editor: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND MY LIBRARY OF BOOKS OF COUNTY HISTORIES, MARRIAGES, WILLS, ETC. If you have books such as these you no longer need I could be interested in buying them from you. Please send a list of those you have and their price. Thank you! I have been collecting a few here and there on my travels for sometime and now I would really like to have more.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW LOOK FOR THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWS?

I hope you have! ....and have you checked my spelling? I think you will notice fewer errors or maybe no errors at all! The reason for all of this is...I BOUGHT A NEW COMPUTER! I hope this will improve the quality in the appearance of the NEWS and make it easier to read.

As many of you know, I never did learn how to use the first computer. It was just to complicated for ME to learn. I hired a young man to input all of the data I had at the time. We ran it out and indexed etc. This is what I have worked from for sometime. NOW...I decided I must do something about learning computers as I need to input more material and data from my last several trips. Of course we have received much more family data from those who we have corresponded with since that time.

I have spent the last few weeks trying to become familiar with the touch and some of the systems etc. I had half of the NEWS typed several weeks ago and decided to do it all over on the computer and surprise everyone!

NOW...I am going to have to figure out some fund raising ideas to help me pay for it...(I charged it!). That is not all, I want to get a scanner later. This will copy the documents, pages from books and etc. and I can store in the computer. Then another item I would like to get eventually is...a lap computer. This is a small item of about 5 pounds and compact to take traveling

with me. I can copy material from books, family records at meetings, photographs etc. This would have been so useful last year in Ireland, Australia and New Zealand as well as in England. So many times I have seen material on Shirleys at places where there were no copy machines. Modern technology can be useful in genealogy and I would like to do the best job I can for the Shirleys and preserving their data.

A Fund Raiser for the Computer.....I will appreciate your help!

1991 SHIRLEY CALENDAR

The calendar will be ready for mailing as of October 15th 1990. The price including mailing costs...$12.00. Included on the calendar will be Shirley related photos and dates, past & present. It will make a nice Christmas gift too!

NOTE: CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS.... *Hugh Shirley, son of Major John Shirley of Ettington in England (the original seat of the Shirleys), will be visiting me and I am planning an OPEN HOUSE for any of you who would like to come and meet him the latter part of October 1990. Write me: Betty Shirley 10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014 or call (408) 255-8511 for day and time.*

THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP WILL INCREASE TO $20 PER YEAR AS OF JANUARY 1ST, 1991.

Our costs have continued to increase these last 12 years and I have avoided making any increases. I now have no choice. Postage has increased several times as well as copy costs. I have tried to absorb it and we have not had funds left over for research for sometime now. We would like to activate some research projects again.

ANNOUNCING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SHIRLEY NEWS QUARTERLY.

As of January 1st, 1991, there will be one Shirley NEWS. It will contain information on Shirleys both in the USA and other countries. Trying to do 8 issues of the NEWS per year has been to much of an undertaking on my part. I am trying to improve the quality of communication from my office to you both through the NEWS and by mail. It is my desire to upgrade everything including ..techniques etc. This is one of the reasons I chose to purchase a new computer and desire to get a scanner and a lap computer sometime in the near future...when I can afford it.

I have some other plans such as printing additional books. I printed one on the early records of Maryland (1600-1700). Now I would like to do one each on the South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee Shirleys. I think most of our members are aware I printed the 1850 and 1880 census of SHIRLEYS several years ago. I hope to be able to add a 1900 census book to this list very soon.

I do want to thank the many members who have continued to support the Association through these 12 years. We now begin the 13th year. Without your financial support and letters of encouragement, this work would have had to be abandoned along time ago. I have enjoyed your phone calls, letters, traveling, meeting so many of you at our conventions. It has been my life (when not involved in my children's lives...HA!) for 13 years now...I am including the first year when I was doing my husbands research.

Thank you for staying with me through the good times and the bad! I really appreciate all of you!

1990 NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION IN BARREN CO. KY.

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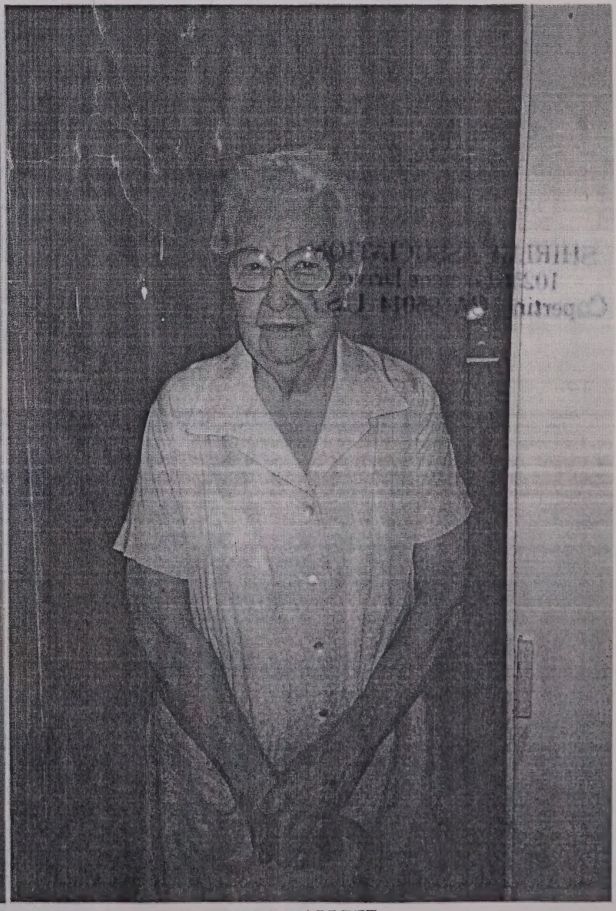

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Reunion is for the descendants of Walter Shirley who came to the Shenandoah Valley before 1745. Please bring family photos & memorabilia & invite family members to attend with you. If you would like to help in organizing this event or have any suggestions, please write or call your editor, Betty Shirley.

TIME: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Advanced reservations please! Also include a check for $10 per person to cover cost of lunch and meeting room cost. Hill Top House is known for great chicken. If you need a place to stay overnight in this area, they have rooms too! Call: 304-535-2132.

LAURENS & SPARTANBURG COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEY REUNION

FRIDAY JUNE 28 & SAT JUNE 29, 1991
HOLIDAY INN
Clinton South Carolina

Write for details as to time etc. If you would like to help or have suggestions for this reunion, please contact Betty Shirley. Please bring your family photos and invite other family members. (Clinton is about 9 miles from the town of Laurens). We are making arrangements to have a speaker and guide.

HABERSHAM & RABUN COUNTY GEORGIA GATHERING

SUNDAY JUNE 30 1991

Plans for this gathering are still in the making. Details to time and exact location in this area will be sent upon request, after March 15th.

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REPORT ON RESEARCH TRIP TO KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA, IN JUNE 1990...INCLUDING OPINIONS... [BY YOUR EDITOR]

In the last issue of the NEWS I gave a detailed report on the places my niece, Barbara, and I went and what we did, etc... I also said we had gathered & copied material that stood about 6 inches high plus material we hand copied into our note books. A short time after returning home, I began receiving packages of research from a former member of a group we referred to as the colonial research committee. The group disbanded a few years ago when the head of the committee became seriously ill. The group consisted of a few excellent researchers who were descendants of the Shirleys and related families who had been active in research for years. The committee sent us reports from time to time as to their progress and occasionally some research data.

Recently a former member was looking through their packets of material which included copies of all correspondence between committee members and decided they should be sent to us as they may contain some material we didn't have and may save some money in hiring research in some of the areas. We thank this former member for sharing this material with us. I have found many items of info we did not have in our records and found Shirley data we had just researched on the trip in June 1990. We are pleased to have the material collected in 1990 from YOU, from those we met on our trip who shared their Shirley material, our own research & the data from the early colonial research group!

The question is: WHO'S WHO? and FROM WHERE?

It is my opinion, the Shirleys of St. Mary's County Maryland can be found in Northumberland and Westmoreland County Virginia. It appears to me this group of Shirleys went both inland to such counties as Spotsylavania, Prince William and Fauquier...just to name a few! Yet they also appear to have gone down to Norfolk County area of Virginia from Northumberland county. The same group of Shirleys can be found with descendants in South Carolina. I have followed the inroads and name associations of the other people who lived in and around the Shirleys whose names appear on deeds as witnesses or lived adjoining the Shirley property etc.

Now, to some South Carolina records. From the SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE Volume 74 page 204...

Thomas Shirley owned the sloop, *Betsey*, along with John McClaine and Edward Martin in 1762. Page 223, Thomas Shirley owned the sloop, *Experiment*, along with John Smyth, Robert Smyth and William Price, all merchants of Charleston, in 1771-1773. Page 224, Thomas Shirley and Edward Martin owned the brigantine, *Fanny*, in 1762-1763 in Charleston and also the schooner *Mary* in about 1762-1765. Page 245, Thomas Shirley owned the schooner *Mary* in 1767. Page 269, Thomas Shirley and Edward Martin owned the schooner, *Success*, in 1764 in Charleston. Page 258, Thomas Shirley, a merchant of Charleston, owned the brigantine, *Prince of Wales*, 1770.

Thomas Shirley is listed as a Mariner.

NOTE: Richard Shirley was listed as a worker on the water by the Sheriff of St Mary's County Maryland. (Archives of Maryland, Vol. XXV, f 597).

Richard Shirley as of Dec 7, 1776 was listed in the crew of the Sloop Molley, Thomas Conway, Commander. The MOLLY was a Sloop under the flag of the State of Maryland for the Defense of the Chesapeake Bay.....MD State Papers, 1776, Series D, Box 2, Folder 2, item 6. (Sent by John Shirley of Annapolis, Md).

McCrady - S.C. under Royal Government, 1719-1776: On 22, July 1769 Thomas Sherley was in a list of Charleston inhabitants who held a meeting to protest something to the King.

In 1772 a Thomas Shirley is recorded on a branch of Roberts Creek of North Pacolet River in Fairfield Co. S.C. In 1791 Thomas is in Spartanburg Co. S.C. on Tygar River. William and Elizabeth Shirley are witnesses. Several times Thomas is recorded in deeds with other names as follows: Thomas Price, (he was also a merchant), Richard Cox, John Meadows, Aaron Pinson, John Skiggs, Joseph Wade and Richard Willis in Spartanburg County from 1791-1809.

Thomas Shirley signed as witness with names such as William Shirley and his wife Elizabeth, Ignatius Surley, (sometimes spelled Turley or Twiley), Tobias Bright, Joseph Meadows, Jesse Meadows, Zephniah Pinson.... etc.

Note the name Ignatius Surley. There is only one place we have seen that name...St. Marys County Maryland. I have not seen this name mentioned in any other group of Shirleys anywhere to date. While looking back for a moment at St Mary's Co. MD Shirleys...If this is indeed the Ignatius from there, (see April/May 1990 NEWS page 4 & 5), Bennett Shirley is thought to be a brother of Ignatius. Bennett Shirley served as a private in Capt Benj. Price's company from 1780 to 1782 and in Thomas Mason's company 1782 to 1783. Note the name of *Price* and *Mason*. These names appear in South Carolina with the Shirleys.

There was a Thomas Shirley who in 1774 lived near Society Hill in Darlington Co. S.C. They attended the Welsh Neck Baptist Church. If this is the same Thomas I cannot say at this time. (I doubt it). But for the record, thought I should add this here.

On the following pages you will find some examples of records. We have many more records but this will give you an idea of what we found. I hope to put everything we have along with the results of any additional info gathered from our trip to S.C. following the 1991 Shirley Convention in Virginia, into a book. This book should be available in the Fall of 1991.

Before going on to where the Shirleys of Fairfield, Laurens & Spartanburg County went later in the 1800's, let's go back to the first records of Shirleys in South Carolina.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SURVEY & PLATS 1731-1776

1753	Catherine Sherley	Broad & Saluda Rivers (near present Columbia S.C.)
1756	Casper Shirley	Granville
1767	John Shurley	Craven
1768	Richard Sherley	Berkeley
1768	Robert Sherley	Colleton
1769	Robert Sherley	Granville (Memorial)
1771	George Shirley	Savannah River (nr. 96th Dist)
1772	Thomas Shirley	Craven

BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN NORTH CAROLINA & SOUTH CAROLINA

In the days of the King's rule, the proprietary colonies of NC & SC got into an argument over the boundary line between them. This argument or dispute lasted for years and when it was finally settled, some people who had been living in upper SC now found themselves in lower NC. So any records pertaining to early people in NC & SC should be searched in depositories in both NC & SC.

Today, deeds in Spartanburg Co. SC Courthouse sometimes locate land as in Tryon Co. NC. etc.

The "Old '96 District" of SC has been confusing for many, including myself. The '96 District was formed about 1785 & took in the counties of Abbeville, Edgefield, Laurens, Newberry, Pendleton (now the area of Anderson and Pickens Co.), Union & later Greenville (Washington).

Interesting Tid-bits! (*from researcher for colonial group*)

John Shirley was on a list of outlaws in about 1766 who roamed the back countries of SC. (*from the SC Regulators - Brown, page 185*)

Thomas Sherley served in the Cherokee War (1757-1760) under Col. Richard Richardson whose men were mainly from Camden District of Craven County.....(*from SC Colonial Soldiers & Patriots*)

NOTE: Camden is Camden District which was composed of the counties of York, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Richland, Claremont and Clarendon.

Thomas Sherley, (hunter), was in Col. Richardson and Capt. Leslie's outfit. (*from Expedition to Fort Prince George 1759-1760*).

1790 South Carolina:

		male over 16	& under 16	/females
'96 District.....Abbeville Co.	Argey	1	1	6
	Benjamin	1	1	2
	James	1	3	3
	John	6	4	6
	John	1	1	2
	Richard	2	5	3
Cheraw Dist. of Darlington Co.....	David	1	1	1
Camden Dist. of Fairfield Co.....	Robert	1	2	1
'96.....Spartanburg Co.	Thomas	2	3	5
	William	1	0	5
'96.....Laurens Co.	John	4	1	12
'96.....Newberry Co.	Thadius	1	2	1

(From Jemima Shirley)

1800 South Carolina

Abbeville County

Thomas born before 1755, Liddy born before 1755, Benjamin & Nipper born 1755-1774 and Joshua born 1774-1784

Darlington County

David born 1755-1774

Fairfield County

Robert born before 1755, John & Eli born 1774-1784

Laurens County

John born before 1755, John Jr. & Moses born 1755-1774

Spartanburg County

Thomas born before 1755 and Aaron born 1755-1774

Pendleton County

John born before 1755 and James born 1755-1774

From: Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Hayford, Vol 6 page 235...

William Sherley was born in Spartanburg District SC in 1790, son of William Shirley. His wife was Jane who was born in 1795.

This family moved to Ga. about 1820 and lived a few years in Warren County. About 1828 they moved to South Ga. & settled in Lowndes Co. in the portion detached and made into Echols Co. in 1858. William died in **Echols Co. Ga.** in 1867.

They were the parents of *Thomas* born 1813 SC who was living in Ware Co. Ga in 1840 & by 1857 he moved to Columbia Co. Florida. *Margaret* 1815 SC m. Wm. Wetherinton, *Amelia* **(Millie)** 1820 SC who married Wm. W. Johnson, *Jesse G.* 1823 Ga. & died in 1864, C.S. He m. Ann. *Pollie* 1828 Ga. d. single, *William* 1831 m. Martha Clemmons. William and his sons, Thomas and Jesse G. took part in the Indian War in this section in 1836-1840.

January 21, 1785 the state of SC granted Thomas Shirley 640 acres of land on 18 Mile Creek in the '96 District. In 1792 **Thomas Shirley sold this land to Bennett Combs who was from St. Mary's County Maryland.** Thomas Shirley moved to Rutherford Co. North Carolina & by 1811 he moved to White Co. TN. He is listed in the 1820 census for White County TN. as born before 1775, 2 males under 10 years. John appears in this census as born between 1774 & 1794 with 2 males under 10 years & 1 between 10 & 16. Isaiah appears as born before 1775 1 male under 10, 1 male between 10 & 16 & 1 between 16 & 26. Champanus Born between 1775 & 1794 with 1 male under 10, 2 between 10 & 16. (Census from Anne Bumpus). **Note:** Tax Payers 1778 Washington Co TN (incl. part of NC), Thomas, John, Edward and Robert Shurley.

from: SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF LOCATIONS NINETY-SIX DISTRICT AND SPARTANBURG DISTRICT 1786-1803 by: Horace E. Gilbert and Rodney Dusterhoft

Nov. 4, 1793, 240 acres to John Meadows in Spartanburg Co., on a small branch of Tygar River bound by lands of WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Andrew Thomson, Charles Burton, James Fearis, Abram Hemlsre, William Meadows, Joel Hemlsre, Aaron Pinson, and Tobias Bright.

Nov. 23, 1798, 306 acres to Andrew Thomson in Spartanburg Co., on the north side of the North Fork of Tygar River, bound by lands of WILLIAM SHERLY, Andrew Thomson, Alberties Bright, and N. Fork of the Tygar River.

Sept. 28, 1801, 600 acres to James Mc Millan in Spartanburg Co. on waters of Pacolet River and Oby Roberts Creek, bound by lands of Mayson, Neighbour, McWilliams, Bullock, Compley, ANDER SHERLY, Taylor, Miligan.....

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

SHURLEY

Grantor	Grantee	Year	Location
Eliz & Wm	Richard Cox	1792	Tygar River
William	James Skeggs	1791	Tygar River
William	John Meadows	1791	Tygar River
Isaac	John Means	1808	Tygar River
Aaron	John Ward	1809	Tract N " "
Thomas	Thomas Price	1809	Ferguson R.
Thomas	Thomas Price	1810	Floyds Crk.

SHIRLEY

John	John Gentury	1826	S. Tygar R

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA RECORDS

[From various books found in the Court House and Library]

1788 William Shurley, 450 acres on N.Fork of Tygar River....granted by Governor Thomas Pinckney.

1790 Thomas Shirley in census and one son over 16, 3 under 16 years of age. Wife was Millie.

1792 William Shurley, farmer and James Shurley, a yeoman, on Tygar River. In the 1790 census, William has no sons but does have 4 daughters.

1793 William Shurley, a planter, and Elizabeth to John Meadows.

1798 William and Elizabeth Shurley, to Richard Cox. Thomas Shurly and Isaac Philpot are mentioned in this record.

1802 Ignatius Shirley/Turley and Richard Surly/Turly....and it is written this way in the book.
1808 Isaac Shurley...mentions Isaac Crow and John Means.

1809 Thomas Shurley names his granddaughters....Matilda, Abigail and Cynthia WARD.

1809 Aaron Shurley on Tygar River...mentions Frances Ward deceased.

1810 Thomas Shurley, Thomas Price and Robert Shurley ...on Tygar River.

1817 Esther/Hester Shurly

1821 John Shirley...mentions Richard Gentry and widow King.

1826 John Surly/Shurley and Fanny his wife...Tygar River.

NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAMES ABOVE ARE:

Jonathon Crow	John Foster
James Nesbitt	Aaron Pinson
Richard Gentry	Obediah Edwards
Samuel Floyd	Thomas Wright
David Cook	James Barnett
Jesse Meadows	Joseph Meadows
Zephniah Pinson	and more...

In deed book H page 74, January 21, 1802 ... John Whittmore (Spartanburg) to Thomas Price (same) for 65 Spanish milled dollars sold.....S. side of Fergeson's Creek, borders Allen Gentry, Obediah Gravel, James Southland and Samuel Floyd.

Witnessed by: Ignatious Twiley
Thomas Shirley Recorded January 27, 1802

DEED BOOK EDGEFIELD COUNTY S.C.

Pp. 48-51. 19 Oct 1787: WILLIAM DOBEY & NANCY, his wife, to ABSALOM SHEARLY, both of Ninety Six Dist. SC for 50 pounds, sold 250 acres originally granted 7 Aug 1786, being on the head of Couches Branch of Edisto. S/ WILLIAM DOBEY, NANCY (X) DOBEY. Wit: WM. MURPHEY, DANL. RITCHY, RICHARDSON (X) BARTLETT.

Pp. 213-219. 7 Aug 1789: THOMAS MOSELEY to JONATHAN RICHARDSON, both of Edgefield Co. SC for 75 pounds?, 150 acres being part of 547 acres originally granted 2 Oct 1786 unto JOHN HERNDON & conveyed by L&R unto THOMAS MOSELEY, being on Coins fork of Horse Creek adj. JOHN RANDOL. S/ THOMAS (T) MOSELY, PRISCILLA (P) MOSLY. Wit: NATHANIEL (X) SHEARLY, JOAB WOOTAN, who swore by oath 11 Jun 1793 before RICHARD TUTT, J.P. Rcd. 11 Jun 1793.

Pp. 371-374. 18 Sep 1794: ABSOLAM SHIRLEY to EPHRAIM FRANKLIN, both of Edgefield Co. SC for 40 pounds, sold 250 acres originally granted 7 Aug 1786 to WILLIAM DOBY & was assigned by WILLIAM DOOBY to ABSOLAM SHIRLEY, on head of Coutches branch of South Edisto River including the plantation the said ABSOLAM SHIRLEY lives at the present date. S/ ABSOLOM (X) SHIRLEY, CLOEY (X) SHIRLEY. Wit: THOMAS FRANKLIN, RICHARD KNOWLES, BENJAMIN SUTTON, who swore by oath 6 Oct 1795 before VAN SWEARENGEN, J.P. Rcd. 13 Oct 1795.

Pp. 400-401. 29 Dec 1794: Bill of Sale: NATHANIEL SHEARLY to DANIEL PARKER, both of Edgefield Co. SC for 7 pounds, sold 4 cows, 1 heffer, 1 calf, 12 head of hogs, 2 beds & furniture, 2 pots, 6 plates, 3 basons & a dish, 1 spinning wheel, 1 bed stid, 1 chest, 1 powdering tub, 2 axes, 2 weeding hoes, 2 pates. S/ NATHANIEL (X) SHEARLY. Wit: PETER HARPER, who swore by oath 29 Dec 1794 before RICHARD TUTT, J.P. Rcd. 29 Dec 1794.

It appears some of the Shirleys of Spartanburg Co. SC. went to White County Tennessee. The Shirleys of White Co. went to Marion Co. TN, Jackson Co. Alabama, Cape Girardeau & Bollinger Co. Missouri, just to name a few of the areas they went to.

[See Oct 1982 NEWS page 11 and April 1983 NEWS page 7 & 8 and other past issues on Tennessee Shirleys]

LAURENS COUNTY SC

Date	*grantee*	*Grantor*	*Location*
	SHIRLEY/SHURLEY		
1788	Archibald	*Dolly Walker	Walnut Creek
1812	Robert	Robert Shurley	Raburn Creek
1813	Bevely	Robert Shearly	------
1831	Bevely	F.B. Walker	------
1832	Eli	Wm. Middleton	Reedy Creek

(from books C page 53, L page 127 & 253, M page 243)

* Dolly Walker of Burke County NC to Archibald Shirley of Laurens Co. SC for 5 pounds, 200 acres, part of 300 acre tract to Walker June 5, 1788 on Walnut Creek. Date Dec. 17, 1788.

NOTE: Archibald Shirley proved the will of Greenham Dodson Oct 8, 1776 and it was witnessed by Ajah (?Elijah) Shirley in Fauquier Co. VA. [from Wills & Inventories 1759-1800 page 80].

Archibald Shirley is listed on the 1777 Fauquier County Virginia Rent Rolls with James, Richard and John Shirley.

Sept 10, 1779 Archibald & Susannah joined the Broad Run Baptist Church, Fauquier Co. VA. and Oct of 1783 they were dismissed to go South. [Broad Run Baptist Church is very near the boarder of Prince William and Fauquier Co. VA. Archibald is listed on the 1783 list in Prince William Co. VA. ...1 Tithable, 3 horses, 5 heads of cattle. On the same list: William, Elijah, Richard, George, James & another Richard Shirley/Shurley. Only Richard & George are on the 1784 list].

Arge (Archibald), Thomas, Richard and John Shirley were among the members of the Turkey Creek Baptist Church when it was constituted in 1785 in Abbeville County SC near the Laurens County line.

Arge Shirley went from SC to Scott Co. Kentucky where he appears in the 1805 church records of The Great Crossing Church as well as James, Mary, Richard, Dorcas, Susannah (wife of Arge), William, Margaret and Ezekiel. The former paster of the Turkey Creek Baptist church in SC became the pastor of The Great Crossing Church in Kentucky. (William and Margaret Shirley were from Pennsylvania and part of my husbands Shirleys who were from St. Marys Co. MD originally).

The Shirley Association

To become a member of the Shirley Association, please send the name of your earliest Shirley ancestor, spouse name if you know, aproximate year of birth and most important is the county and state they lived. Enclose a check for $20. Make check to:

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To give some insight as to how the families moved around... take the Norris family of St Marys County MD as an example. They are related to the Shirleys.

John Norris born about 1650 is said to be the youngest son of the immigrant Norris. He married Susanah Heard. (His brother lived in Talbot and Baltimore Co. MD). Their son was...
John Norris b. ca. 1680 St. Marys Co. MD, married Anne Wheatly
1. John Norris Jr was the father-in-law of *IGNATIUS & ROBERT SHIRLEY*.
2. Luke Norris ...some of this family went to Mason Co KY
3. Marke Norris m. Susannah Greenwell. One of their sons lived in Frederick and Washington Co. MD (where our branch of the Shirleys were in 1760's before going to PA. Our George Shirley born in 1761 married Ruhannah Norris), and a grandson went to Bracken Co. KY
4. Thomas Norris m. Jane Greenwell and they had a son Ignatius Norris and a grandson Bennett Norris (b. ca. 1749)

NOTE: An interesting point...Bennett Shirley, Bennett Price and Bennett Combs. The Bennetts must be connected in some way. Bennett Combs associated with the Shirleys in SC and Bennett Price in VA. The name *Price* associated with Shirleys in SC and TN too!

[See the January 1990 NEWS page 9 for additional information about the Shirleys and Turkey Creek Baptist Church].

NOTE: The wife of Richard Shirley who had a royal land grant in 1768 in Berkeley County SC with Robert and Thomas...believed to be his sons, was Mary. Could she be Mary Graham? Richard & Mary Graham Shirley were in the records of Fairfax Co. Virginia 1749-1753 and no mention of them after that date in that county. It says in a family history by Jean Grigsby, Mary Shirley is last listed in the tax records of Loundoun Co. Va in 1763. (see Jan 1989 NEWS page 8).

It is believed by most of the Shirleys who have been doing Shirley research for years that the Richard who had the royal land grant in 1768 in Berkeley Co. SC is the one chr. in 1712 St. Stephens Parish in Northumberland Co. Va. His father was Richard chr. Aug 6, 1669 St Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co. VA and he had a brother John chr. 1671 St. Stephens Parish. Their father was Thomas who died in 1696 Northumberland Co. VA. It has been thought for years that this is the Thomas Shirley who came over on the Thomas & John from Gravesend England in 1635 by those involved in Shirley research before my time.

[It has been my thought that this is the Thomas Shirley who appears in the records of Westmoreland Co. VA in regards to being transported in 1662/63 as is Robert Shirley mentioned 1662/63 Westmoreland Co. VA. Westmoreland & Northumberland are adjoining counties. It has been my opinion this Robert Shirley is the same one who arrived in St. Marys Co. MD in 1634. He does not show up in any further records of that county. The colonial research committee wrote in one of their letters that Robert Shirley went back and forth to England several times. Maybe Thomas did too!....these are opinions only!].

Research data concerning Shirleys in Northumberland Co VA can be found in July 1987 NEWS Pages 6 & 7. Additional reading about the areas of VA & MD in the Oct NEWS pages 1 thru 7.

Back to the Laurens County South Carolina Shirleys... We'll try to trace the descendants of Richard Shirley born 1712 with the Royal land grants in Berkeley Co. SC in 1768. It appears he had three sons, *Robert* born about 1736 who married Jane, *John* born

Robert Shirley born about 1736, received a grant in Berkeley Co. SC 1768 on Beaverdam, a branch of Stephens Creek that is now in Edgefield Co. SC. He, his wife Jane, and his mother Mary, sold 350 acres of the original grant in Laurens Co. in 1775. In 1811, Robert Shirley of Fairfield Co. SC sold 150 acres to Robert Shirley...son of John Shirley of Laurens Co. SC. land on Raburn Creek. This was witnessed by Elijah and John Shirley.

Two Known sons of Robert born ca. 1736
1. John b. Jan 10, 1776 m. Mary Gwin Feb 16, 1797
   (1) Miner 1797
   (2) Robert 1802 d. 1854
   (3) Sarah 1807
   (4) Elijah 1809
   (5) John 1811
   (6) Caleb 1814
   (7) Mary 1816
2. Elijah b. ca. 1768 married Nancy Gwin
   (no info)

Back to Richard b. ca. 1712...His next son, **John Shirley** was born Aug 27, 1738 Culpeper Co. Va, according to the descendants of this branch. He also received a land grant on Raburn Creek in Berkeley Co. SC. His wife was Rebecca_____.

March 16, 1816 Letters of Adm. for the estate of John Shirley, deceased was given to Robert Shirley. Those listed as purchasers at the sale were: David Anderson, Jacob Niswanger, **Birey Shirley**, James McPherson, Samuel Freeman, **John Shirley**, **Robert Shirley**, Thomas Adkins, Wm. McPherson, Jonathon Forgey, James Watson, George Elmore, **George Shirley, Aaron Shirley, Elizabeth Shirley,** Ebenezer Starnes. Martin Shaw, Ransom Fuller, John Harvey, Wm. West, Wm. Redden. Appraisal of the estate was by: Jacob Niswanger, James McFerson and William Moore.

The heirs and representatives of Rebecca Shirley who died intestate, owning land, being part of the 400 acres granted to one Richard Shirley. May 2, 1825 Laurens Co. SC Will book E page 170.

Moses Shirley, who had conveyed his interest to his nephew Bearley (Beverly) Shirley, Aaron, John, Barnby (?), Lydia, Jane, Elizabeth, Easter Shirley, Polly married to Graham Elmore, Sarah married to Wm. McPherson, Rebecca married to Elijah Elmore, Edy Wright widow of George Wright & Huldy married to George Elmore.

I do not see Robert Shirley who is a son of John and Rebecca, & the adm. of his fathers will. In a book written by Ethel Updike several years ago, she did not list his children. **Robert is in the 1790 & 1800 census of Fairfield Co. SC.**

In the 1790 Census of Laurens Co. SC. **John** [& Rebecca] are listed with 4 males over 16 & one under 16 and 12 females.

The 1800 Census of Laurens Co. SC is given on a previous page in this report.

The 1810 Census of Laurens Co. SC: (I am listing males only)

Aaron	2 male born 1800-1810, 1 male born 1794-1800, 1 male born 1765-1784.	**John Sr.**	4 male born 1800-1810 1 male born bef 1765
John Jr.	3 male born 1800-1810 2 male born 1795-1800 1 male born 1765-1784	**Robert**	3 male born 1800-1810 1 male born 1765-1784
Lydia	1 male born 1800-1810 1 male born 1794-1800		

[1810 Fairfield County SC: **John & Elijah**]

1820 Laurens Co. SC: (Males in household)

Aaron 3 male born 1810-1820
1 male born 1804-1810
1 male born 1802-1804
1 male born 1794-1802
1 male born before 1775

Beverly 1 male born 1810-1820
1 male born 1775-1794

Eli 1 male born 1775-1794

John 2 male born 1810-1820
2 Male born 1804-1810
2 male born 1794-1802
1 male born before 1775

Rebecca 1 male born 1810-1820
4 male born 1804-1810
(3 females ages 26-45)
1 female over 45... Probably Rebecca and the females are probably daughters with children living with her.

[1820 Fairfield County SC: **John Shirley**]

(Only the ages of head of house will be given here)

In 1830 Laurens Co SC:	[List how many people in household in 1829 census]
Beverly ... born 1790-1800	8 people
Eli .....born 1790-1800	7
Elihu .....born 1800-1810	4
Esther .... born 1790-1800	3
Ezekiah ... born 1800-1810	5 (name is Hezekiah)
George .... born 1800-1810	3
Jane ..... born 1780-1790	4 (name is given as Jana)
John ..... born 1760-1770	10
Jonathon ...born 1790-1800	..(he is not listed in 1829)
Robert .... born 1770-1780	9
	3 **Wright** (not listed in 1830)

In 1840 Laurens Co. SC:

Elihu, George, Wright & John.

[1840 Fairfield Co SC: **Elijah, J.W, (2) Johns, & S. Shirley**]

In the **1810 census of Pendleton District SC,** (Anderson Co. was formed from part of Pendleton in 1826), **Moses 45+.** There are other Shirleys in the census & most descend from the Abbeville Co. S.C. Shirleys, (John and Richard Shirley)...written about in many previous issues of the NEWS.

Habersham Co. Ga. in 1820: **Moses** born before 1775, **Moses** born 1775-1794 and **Berryman** born 1794-1802.

Habersham Co. Ga in 1830: **Moses** born 1760-1770, **John** born 1800-1810 & **Riley** born 1800-1810.

Habersham Co. GA in 1840:	Rabun Co. GA in 1840:
Aaron ...born 1770-1780	Berryman ...born 1790-1800
Aaron ...born 1810-1820	Beverly ...born 1820-1825
Moses ...born 1770-1780	
Moses ...born 1800-1810	
Hardy ...born 1810-1820	
Charles..born 1810-1820	[Rabun & Habersham Co adjoin]

Moses and Aaron Shirley are the sons of John and Rebecca Shirley as shown in the will of Rebecca in 1825...(Laurens Co. SC.).

In the last issue of the NEWS (July 1990 p. 2), an article was written about Berryman Shirley born in 1795 in SC. and died Alto GA in 1875. In the family history it states Berryman lived in Liberty in the Pendleton District of South Carolina before coming to Georgia.

A large number of Shirleys can be found in Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama. They came from Laurens Co. SC & Habersham/Rabun Co. GA.

In the 1830 census Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama

Joel

The following list gives the first year found in the land records for: [Shirley]

1831	Jonathon	(b. 1807 SC)	1848	Aaron
1832	Eli	(b. 1797 SC)	1849	Zebidee
	Joel	(b. 1803 SC)		Jeremiah
1834	James		1854	Wiley Berry
	Thomas			Wright
1835	Beverly		1855	Davis
	Lewis		1860	Little Berry
1836	Robert			Robert Lee
1837	Moses			
1839	Rolen [Roland]			

The 1850 Census Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama

[Head of house & aprox. year & state of birth]

Biard 1827 SC, **Davis** 1826 SC, **Eli** 1797 SC, **James** 1810 SC, **Jeremiah** 1812 SC, **Joel** 1803 SC, **Jonathon** 1807 SC, **Lee B.** 1820 SC, **Moses** 1812 SC, **Wiley B.** 1825 SC, **Wright** 1808 SC, **Zebadie** 1826 SC, **Aaron** 1810 SC....and living in this household is **Robert 1775 SC.**

From a book written by our member Mildred Shirley .....

Their ancestor is Easter Shirley mentioned in the will of Rebecca Shirley, wife of John, of Laurens Co. SC. The name of her husband is unknown. Her children were: Hezikiah Shirley born 1805 SC., a daughter, (name unknown), and Mansfield Shirley. This family moved from Laurens Co. SC to Chambers Co. Alabama in 1833. Hezikiah received a land grant. They settled in a small community called Dudleyville near the Chambers and Tallapoosa County line. I found Mansford (Mansfield) Shirley living in Tallapoosa Co. Alabama in the 1850 census. He was born about 1823 SC. His mother, Ester b. ca. 1790 was living with him.

Shirley Association member, Catherine Poteat, descends from John & Rebecca Shirley of Laurens Co. SC through their daughter Edy who married George Wright lll. His mother, Sarah, was the daughter of George Bowman & Mary Hite, who was the granddaughter of Yost Hite of Shenandoah Virginia. [Early researchers will recognize that name].

Edy was born about 1770. Her husband died about 1803. She lived Laurens Co. SC, Fayette and Meriwether Co. Georgia.

The census for Fairfield Co. SC has already been given. There are a few additional bits of information to add here about Shirleys in relation to Fairfield Co. SC.

In the January 1988 NEWS page 9...**Thomas Shirley born about 1760** gave a statement concerning his military service and where he has lived etc. He said he was living in Fairfield Co. SC in 1780 when he entered the service. He had resided in Davidson & McNairy Co. Tennessee, Clinton, Fayette & Jackson Co. Illinois since the Rev. War. In 1850 he was living in Washington Co. Mo. He also says he was born after his father died.

Thaddeus Shurley born about 1757 died York Co. SC Nov 20, 1840. He was 83 years, 3 months & 4 days old. He was a resident of Camden District SC, as shown by the census of 1810. His wife was Elizabeth and she died in York Co. SC in 1846. Their children:

Meredith
Ruth Ann m. Reuben Wright lived Davidson Co. NC, Putnam Co. Ind.
Elizabeth m. Mr. Wherry (Went to Tennessee)
Philemon b. ca. 1791 SC living in York Co. SC 1850 census
James
Elijah Clawson b. ca. 1798 SC, living in York Co. SC in 1850
Nancy m. Mr Quick
Frances m. Mr. Perry

[Thaddeus, Meredith & Philimon are in the 1830 & 1840 census of York Co. SC].

Meredith Shurley was a school master and taught school in both York and Fairfield Co. SC.

John S. Shurley was a son of Meredith. He owned a plantation in Fairfield County on the road between Winnsboro and Columbia SC.

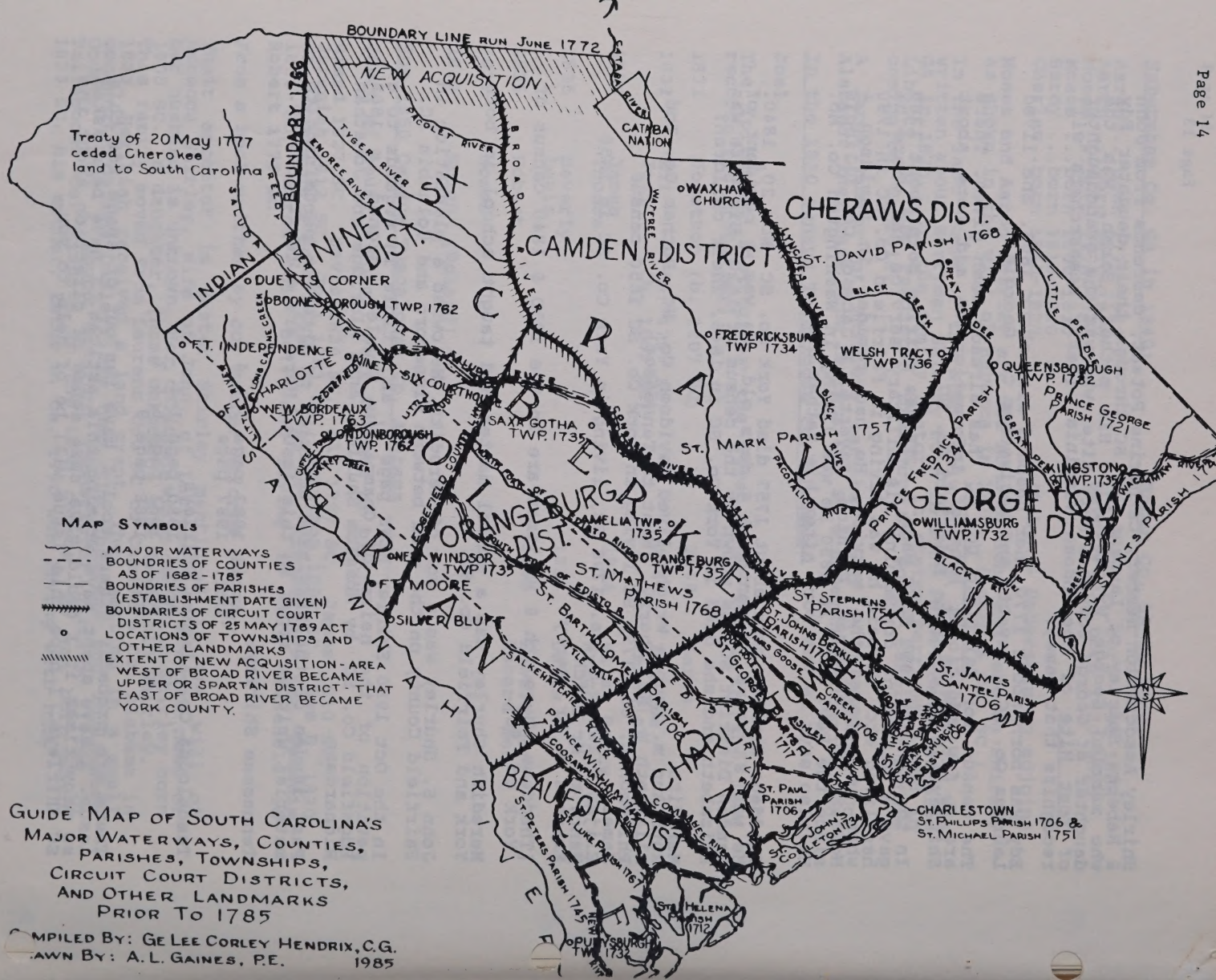
In the Oct 1980 Shirley NEWS page 5, an article in regards to a petition of the heirs of Championus Shurley, signed in 1808 Edgefield Co. SC by Absalom Shurley, Anna Aldridge and Jonathan Richardson.

Past issues of the NEWS have articles of interest pertaining to material written about in this issue. Here are a few to review.

Tennessee Shirleys
April 1987 page 3 & 4
Oct. 1987 page 9

Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama Shirleys
April 1980 page 1-4
April 1981 page 6 & 7
Jan. 1988 page 9

There are probably others too! I have run out of space for this issue. I have spent days writing this article. I have been asked so many times if I could give some sense of direction about the SC Shirleys. I hope this issue will be of help to you.



Guide Map of South Carolina's Major Waterways, Counties, Parishes, Townships, Circuit Court Districts, And Other Landmarks Prior To 1785

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THE SHIRLEY NEWS

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HISTORY FOR SALE

Country manner: Ettington Park was rebuilt in Gothic style

by Dom Walsh

ETTINGTON Park, the historic country house Hotel at Alderminster, near Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, has been put on the market with a guide price of £10m through Knight Frank & Rutley.

The 48-bedroom hotel has been operated for the past three years by Select Hotels, which holds a 42% stake. The remaining shareholders decided to put it up for sale following the maturing of its Business Expansion Scheme in February.

Select chief executive Mike Porter said the other shareholders felt that they could not agree a price for Select to buy them out without putting the hotel on the open market.

He said Select would not, initially, be making an offer. "The hotel is a unique opportunity — a one-off and terribly difficult to put a price on," he said. "But of course, if only unrealistic offers came in, we'd have a crack at it."

FAMILY SEAT

Until 1904 Ettington was the seat of the Shirley family, owners since pre-Norman times. The estate is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The present house was rebuilt in Gothic style in the 1850s but has an arch from the early building as well as elements of 18th- and early 19th-century architecture.

It was converted to a country house hotel in 1983, with a restaurant, several function suites and a leisure centre with swimming pool, saunas, a solarium, tennis courts and riding stables.

A Knight Frank spokeswoman said further bedrooms could be added and an 18-hole golf course created, subject to agreement with the adjoining Shirley Estate and obtaining planning consent.

Ettington primarily attracts conference business and rates 79% in Egon Ronay and four AA/RAC stars. Reported turnover was £2.2m in the year to 31 March and is projected to reach £2.5m in the coming year.

I was stunned when this clipping was sent to me. I asked Hugh Shirley about it when he came to visit in late October. He assured me it is not the *property* that is forsale...just the hotel *business*. Thank goodness! (Hugh is the son of Major John Shirley, owner of Ettington). Looking for an investment? Here's your chance to be a part of the Shirley history!!!

Clipping sent by Duncan Shirley of England.

Tuesday, August 29, 1989

Bill Shirley

Los Angeles

Bill Shirley, an actor and Broadway producer who was the voice of Prince Charming in the film "Sleeping Beauty," died Sunday at the age of 68 of lung cancer.

A native of Indianapolis, Shirley was under contract to 20th Century Fox and Republic studios during the 1960s. He played Stephen Foster in "I Dream of Jeanie," and he was heard singing "On the Street Where You Live" in the film version of "My Fair Lady."

Bill Shirley

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Shirley, the tenor voice of Prince Charming in the film "Sleeping Beauty," has died of lung cancer. He was 68.

His credits include "Sailors On Leave" and "Flying Tigers" in the 1940s and "Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd" in 1952.

Clipping sent by:
Sue O'Dell

Q. Is the Shirley-Eustis House in Roxbury open to the public?
W.C., Canton

A. David Mittell Jr., director of the private, nonprofit Shirley-Eustis House Association, says the public is admitted, free of charge, to the fully restored, partially furnished building at 33 Shirley St. every Wednesday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointments are necessary for visits at other times. Built in 1747 by the royal governor, William Shirley, and purchased in 1825 by the then Massachusetts governor, William Eustis, the house – considered by many to be one of the most important colonial buildings in America – was visited during its early years by George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and many other political figures of the period. Mittell says the association is attempting to acquire some of the furniture used by Eustis. For more information or to request an appointment to see the house, call Mittell at (617) 522-5520.

Tom Shirley — Lemon Bay

Shirley, a 6-1, 210-pound senior, was a first team all Southwest Florida selection. The two-year starter was a co-captain and one of the Manta Rays' leading tacklers.

Carmen Bryant is the daughter of R. Kenneth Michaels, son of Josephene Shirley, the daughter of John J. Shirley, the son of Presley, the son Edmond, the son of Argeland Shirley who came from Fauquier Co. Va. to Laurens Co. SC about 1788 and was a member of the Turkey Creek Baptist Church. By 1805 he was a member of the Great Crossing Church in Scott Co. Kentucky.

The story on the following page was written by Carmen's father in 1989.

The Bryants: Donald and Carmen, James, Brenda and Julia

Serving in Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia, with the

Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society

Edward Shirley

Just in case we overlooked the name "Edward Shirley", here is a short-short story of a well-loved individual.

"Ed Shirley" was the brother of Grandmother Michaels. His mother, Great-grandmother Shirley, had taken care of him since birth because he was born with his right side completely paralyzed.

When Great-grandmother Shirley died, "Ed" went to live with Grandmother Michaels at 801 South Williams Street [Moberly, Missouri] and resided there until his death about 1940.

Although "Ed" never attended school, he was not helpless, just a series of handicaps. His right arm only moved up and down like a chicken wing. His right leg only dragged and he spoke like a "mute," but everyone in the family understood him, and he handled his 250 lbs. like the independent giant that he was. His left arm was as hard as an axe handle and he was as gentle as a kitten. The right arm was paralyzed but it was also like a "vise" which he used for moving tree limbs when it was time to cut firewood.

As soon as school was out every summer in St. Louis, my mother would put me on the Wabash Cannonball and ship me to Moberly. Grandmother and "Ed" would meet me at the train depot, after driving the horse and buggy from their home in town.

Before I would have a chance to talk with Grandmother, "Ed" would have me corraled and would tell me all about his vegetable garden. The garden was his life and it was always the best, because all the canned vegetables for the winter were always from "Ed's" garden. His hearing was so acute that I'm sure that he could hear the earthworms turn.

Uncle Dwight [Michaels] would bring in oak trees for the wood supply and "Ed" would use the "buck saw" and axe to keep an endless supply of stove wood. When that axe was swinging and the buck saw working, there was no such thing as a handicap, and his every movement was like that of an oiled machine.

REPORT ON TRIP & ARIZONA SHIRLEY MEETING

Hugh Shirley, son of Major John Shirley of England, said his vacation spent with us was super. One of the highlights of his visit in our area was his days trip to San Francisco with my youngest daughter, Debbie & her husband as his escort.

The first week was spent visiting our area and then we were off for Southern California. We visited Disneyland, Universal Studios, just days before their fire, Queen Mary & Spruce Goose and a tour of the Hollywood Stars homes.

Next was a visit to Las Vegas...a show & etc.... and to Grand Canyon just before our visit with Jim & Viola Shirley in Sedona. Jim, Viola, Claudis & Norma Shirley took us out to a fabulous dinner that evening. We spent the night with Jim and he cooked breakfast for us (Viola helped), then he took us on a tour of Sedona after breakfast and we were off for Phoenix Arizona. Joe & Jinnet Shirley hosted a gathering of Shirleys for a buffet dinner that evening. they have a very lovely home in a beautiful garden setting with swimming pool.

The next day Hugh Shirley had to fly back to England. We took him to the airport in Phoenix for his connection in Los Angeles.

From here we went to visit ETHEL UPDIKE. I have talked with her on the phone but this was the first time I had a chance to meet her and her two sisters.

The following day was our Shirley meeting and we enjoyed meeting some new to us Shirleys as well as those we already knew. Thank you for coming and sharing info about your Shirleys.

DANIEL BOONE & CATHERINE SHIRLEY, WIDOW OF MICHAEL SHIRLEY

MADISON COUNTY KENTUCKY

(Michael Shirley was killed by the Indians in Kentucky)

This indenture this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five between **Daniel Boon** of the one part of Burbon County Kentucky and **Catrine Sherly of Madison County** state of aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Daniel Boon Boon for and on consideration of the sum of one thousand pounds Kentucky money in hand paid by the said Catrine Sherly the receipt where of he doth hereby fully acknowledge that he the said Daniel Boon hath granted bargained and sold delivered and confirmed and by these present doth grant sell ____ and confirm unto the said Catrine Sherly one certain tract or parcell of land containing four hundred and nine acres by survey be the same more or less lying and being in the county of Madison on the **waters of Taylors fork a branch of Silver Creek a part of John Harts** ____ and bounded as followeth .....etc..bargained and sold to the said Catrine Sherly her heirs executors administrators and assigns against the claims rights and titles of all and every other person what so ever _____ whereof the said Daniel Boon hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed & delivered
In presence of: Daniel Boon (SS)

Christopher Clark
Shadriah Phelps
George Shearly

At a Court held for Madison County on Tuesday the 1st of December 1795

(Copy of hand written deed (above), Catherine Shirley's will, an indenture between Catherine and Sarah Shirley in 1802, Catherine & Frances Travis (daughter of Catherine) 1802, an indenture between Wm. Mcgier & Mary his wife (daughter of Catherine) 1799, and Christian Shirley (son of Peter) [Taylors Fork on Silver Creek], Indenture between Peter Shurley & Alexander Reid, 1801 Indenture between Peter Shurley and Jonathan Shurley (son of Peter) of Augusta County Virginia, available from Shirley Association. Please send $2 for each 11" x 17" document. [Will is not 11" X 17"]

Indenture made March 4th, 1799 between Alexander Reid and his wife Rebekah of **Madison County Kentucky** of the one part and **Peter Shurley** of the County and state aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Alexander Reid for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds current money to him in hand paid by the said Peter Shurly .....etc. doth confirm unto the said Peter Shurly..... seventy five acres lying and being in the County of Madison on the **water of Taylor Fork of a branch of Silver Creek** near Madison Courthouse and bounded as followeth. Beginning at the Sycamore trees standing on the bank of Taylor fork in a line of **John Harts** ....

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR: Last summer Barbara, (my Niece), and I visited Fort Boonesborough in Kentucky. While touring the fort we discovered the deed between Daniel Boone and Catherine Shirley on display in the museum. We made sure we got a copy for our files.

We found the names of Michael, Katie (Catherine) and their son, Charles Shirley, on a list of names engraved on a stone monument just outside the Fort. We took pictures and video taped this as there are many other names of interest too!

OLIVER PERRY MORTON SHIRLEY

Oliver Perry Morton Shirley was born May 7, 1865 to Embley P. and Mariah Lisher Young Shirley. They lived east of Russiaville on what is now Road 26. Their house was on the north side of the road about 3 miles east of Russiaville.

Oliver Perry Morton was supposed to have been named for the Governor of Indiana, OLIVER PERRY MORTON. However, I found his grandmother was named Philadelphia PERRY, and his mother had a brother named OLIVER. He was the youngest of the family. He had a sister named Eva who lived at Lebanon, with whom he and his family kept close relations. The other sister, Laura, moved to Kansas. Even though this sister lived at a distance, the two sisters and their brother kept a very close relationship all their lives.

The older sister, Eva, married a man named William King, and they had one son named Elmer, and three daughters... Grace, Zella, and Laura Belle. Laura married a man named Elijah Hendricks, and they had two sons and three daughters; they were named Harry and Emerson, the girls were Geneva, Mabel and Hazel.

Oliver Perry Morton was called MORT all of his life and that is how he was always known. I do not know much about his boyhood days, other than he loved to square dance. He married young to a girl named Alice Newton. They had two children, Mae and Fred. Alice died when Fred was born, so Mort's mother took care of them.

I failed to say that Mort's father died when Mort was a year old, and Mort's mother married again to a man named Allen F. Coons (Kuhn). They had no children. After this marriage the family moved to Kansas. They traveled in a "covered wagon". For some reason they came back to Indiana before to long.

After Mort's first wife died, he married a girl named Rachel Anna Garner. Mae lived with them but I don't know if Fred did or not. Fred went to Kansas and lived with his Aunt Laura through part of his boyhood days.

Mort and Anna lived most of their lives in Russiaville. Mort worked for Sam Hollingsworth at the saw mill and some of the time at the grist mill for "Cappy" Hollingsworth.

There were four children born to Mort and Anna, two of whom died when they were small. Harold and Flora lived to be adults. Flora died at age 40 and Harold has reached 91 years.

Mort and Anna were divorced in 1916, and the children stayed with their father. Mort bought a small house at the northwest side of Russiaville. After some years he traded for a small acreage southwest of town.

About this time, (1925), he married again, to a widow named Ellen Coy of Tipton. They were divorced May 8, 1931. Mort traded houses twice more, the last one being the south part of Russiaville. He became ill here and went to live with Mae at Logansport, but was not happy there so he came to Pendleton with Harold for a short time. He then went to a nursing home at Kokomo where he died December 12, 1950.

At one time Mort and Anna were active members of the Baptist Church in Russiaville. Of this time he said "that was the happiest time of my life".

I do not have much information about Mort's half brothers and

sisters. I know that Embley Shirley had two girls and three boys by his first wife, Mary I. Hitt. I do not know where they were married. Mort knew two of his half brothers, Samuel and James. Samuel lived in Nebraska where he died August 24, 1910. He had a son named Mort. Mariah Lisher Young Coons (Kuhn) had four children, Nan Lowery, Lina Reynolds, Phoebe Ramsey and a son Levi Young. Levi Young lived in Arizona. He is supposed to have lived on a ranch. The children of Aunt Eva King kept in touch with the Youngs. Lina Reynolds lived in Colorado where she died. She seems to have had some money, for she willed Mort $500. Nan Lowery lived in Indianapolis at one time, where she had a son. I think she is buried at Albright Cemetery near Kokomo. I know nothing of Phoebe Ramsey.

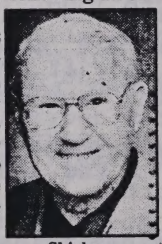
Mariah Lisher Young Shirley Coons (Kuhn) is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery on her daughter's cemetery lot in Kokomo.

WRITTEN BY: Mrs. Harold Shirley of Pendleton Indiana on July 19, 1988 at the request of her nephew, Clarence Ragan. [Helen and Harold have been supportive members of the Shirley Association for a number of years and attended our Shirley Convention in Indianapolis in 1985].

Note: See January 1985 SHIRLEY NEWS, cover page and page 2 and April 1982 page 13 and 14.

Harold E. Shirley

PENDLETON — Harold E. Shirley, 93, 214 S. West St., Pendleton, died at Rawlins House Nursing Home Sunday following an extended illness.



Shirley

Shirley was born in Russiaville June 6, 1897, and was a Pendleton resident since 1936. He was a tailor shop instructor at the Indiana State Reformatory from 1936 to 1963.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pendleton; Pendleton Garden Club, Pendleton Lions Club, a Melvin Jones Fellow of the Lions Club International and a charter member of Hoosier Auto Racing Fan Club.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Avery) Shirley; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Wilson St. Pierre Bright Chapel in Pendleton with the Rev. Ray Probasco officiating. Burial is in Green Lawn IOOF Cemetery, Greentown.

Friends may call 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

From your editor...

Another of my favorite members has left us. Harold Shirley and his wife, Helen, attended the Indianapolis Indiana Shirley Convention in 1985.

Harold came to me at the end of the convention to say goodbye. He said he wanted to show me how he kisses his girls. He did by rubbing noses! He was a lovely person who had a great sense of humor and I enjoyed meeting him.

I can only say that I wished I had printed his story before he died. I had planned to put it in the Oct Nov issue but that issue became a special issue devoted to a report on the research results of Laurens County SC. Shirleys and their descendants.

Harold is descended from Argeland Shirley through his son Edmond's son Emela P. through Oliver Perry Shirley.

THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION

To become a member of the Shirley Association and receive the Shirley NEWS, please send a $20 check for USA members or $22 US funds outside of USA or 12 pound check for members in England. [We have a bank account in England].

Please send the name of your earliest Shirley ancestor, spouse name, aprox. year of birth, county and state or country they lived.

Send to: The Shirley Association
10256 Glencoe Dr.
Cupertino, CA 95014 USA

Telephone: (408) 255-8511

CAMPBELL COUNTY GEORGIA SHIRLEYS

(See Vol. 1 #10 page 11 National NEWS Oct 1980)

Material sent by Shirley Association member, Alan Lamb.

Riley Shirley b. 1803 SC, lived in Habersham, Jones and Campbell Counties in Georgia. Alan is descended from Riley through his son Abner Monroe Shirley born 1835 Georgia, through his son, Lemuel Riley Shirley (Alan's great grandfather) born 1860 in Campbelltown Georgia. He recalled seeing the Union troops as they occupied the area around Atlanta. Lemuel moved from Georgia to Virginia, West Virginia to Kansas and finally to Oklahoma where he died in 1949. His daughter, Ethel C. Shirley born 1886 Bramwell, WVA. was the grandmother of Alan and she married Henry P. Lamb.

William F. Shirley, was also a son of Riley Shirley. William was born 1840 Georgia and died April 12, 1914 Campbell County Georgia. He & his wife Elizabeth, were married Sept 17, 1868. In her widow's affadavit she says... They had no property at Williams death and that she sold her cow to pay his burial expenses.

1936 Clipping, MUSKOGEE OKLAHOMA NEWSPAPER
Pat Shirley and William B. Shirley are sons of Lemuel R. Shirley.

Meningitis Strikes Cab Driver in Hotel, Condition Critical

Pat Shirley Cared for at Baptist Because No Detention Hospital Available

Pat Shirley, a cab driver, who was taken to the Baptist hospital Monday night after he was found suffering with convulsions in his room at a downtown hotel, was being treated last night by special nurses for spinal meningitis.

The cab drivers union, local No. 516, hearing of the plight of Shirley, one of their members, held a meeting last night and voted to rent the old detention hospital on North C street to house the meningitis victim while being treated. The union officials said they would ask physicians to move Shirley there this morning.

Physicians who examined Shirley early yesterday made the diagnosis and last night said the cab driver was in a critical condition.

Shirley according to the doctor, is without funds. But because there is no place in the city to properly care for meningitis victims, physicians said he would stay at the hospital until they were ready to release him or take him elsewhere.

It was the third case, but the only successful one, in which a meningitis victim remained at a hospital because of the lack of a detention home for such illnesses.

Several weeks ago an entire downtown hotel was quarantined when 12 persons were required to stay in their rooms because of the illness of one of the tenants. The other involved two penniless Yahola boys who were refused admittance at a hospital here after one had been brought all the way from his home for treatment.

Pat was a son of
Lemuel Riley Shirley

Wm. B. was a son of
Lemuel Riley Shirley

Thursday, October 17, 1963
Wellington MONITOR-PRESS
Wellington (WHEAT) Kansas

W. B. SHIRLEY

William B. Shirley, 75, well-known and long-time resident of Wellington, died Monday at 10:15 a.m. at the Veterans Hospital in Wichita where he had been a patient since Aug. 4.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jessie who died Wednesday, Oct. 9 in a local hospital.

He was born Aug. 24, 1888, at Bramwell, W. Va., and had lived in Wellington most of his life. He was a retired painter. He was also employed by the Wellington Police Department and by the National Furniture Factory.

Shirley was an ardent sports fan playing baseball, managing baseball clubs and serving as a game warden for many years. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW.

Survivors include a stepson, Frank B. Huffstettler, Maryville, Tenn., a grandson, Charles Shirley of the U.S. Navy, a granddaughter, Trudy Shirley rural Mayfield, a brother, three sisters, Mrs. H. P. Lamb, Mrs. Hazel S. Weaver, both of Wellington; Mrs. G. O. Wilhite, St. Louis, Mo.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the Frank Funeral Home with the Rev. Veern D. Livengood, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Organ selections were played.

Casket bearers were Wilbur Gaines, Fawn Brown, George Kearns, Floyd Bruton, Carl Blunck and Ray Nickle.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY BORN 1826 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ENGLAND

info from Rev. Riley Shirley, member of the Shirley Assoc. and material in Anne Bumpus book *CANNON COUNTY COUSINS* (Tennessee). Anne is also a member of the Shirley Assoc.

[See January 1990 National Shirley NEWS page 6 and the International NEWS 10th edition page 9 & also the article on page 7 about LOCAL BOY BEATS THE CONSERVATIVE DRUM FOR VP BUSH...Craig Shirley's brother John is a member of the Shirley Assoc. & sent this article and family info].

William Shirley born 1826 Buckinghamshire England, came to USA when he was 9 years old with his uncle (name unknown). He later brought over 2 brothers, Jonathan & Riley Shirley. No information is known about Riley at this date.[There is a Riley listed in the 1880 census of Tioga Co. NY. It gives Riley as born 1819 England & his spouse is Hannah]. Jonathan Shirleys family data is given in previous NEWS as stated above.

William Shirley b. March 7, 1826 England, died Feb 2, 1903 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, Tennessee. He was a stone mason.

He married first Manerva E. Lambertson. They had six children. She died in 1888.

He married second Anna Elizabeth Morrow.

Children:

1. Samuel T. b. 1861 Tennessee
2. William Nelson b. 1865 Nashville, TN.
   married his step mother Anna Elizabeth and they had three children, Milton, Marion and Merredith...twins.
3. Alfred M. married Mary G. Young
4. Emily Rose b. 1867 married Robert Lee Manor
5. Elizabeth
6. Edith

Children by Anna:

7. John A. b. 1880 d. 1954
8. Riley Pillow b 1893 (father of our Riley Shirley)
9. Alexander
10 Eva May b 1900

William N. Shirley was a Stonecutter residing in Columbia Tennessee. His stone yard was located on West Main street.

According to the memoirs of Caroline Nicholson, William Shirley cut the eagle which adorns the Capitol building in Nashville Tennessee.

William Shirley was the discoverer of phosphate rock in Maury County Tennessee. However, nothing came of this discovery at the time, it being in the last few years of the nineteenth century before mining was started here, and that of new discoveries of much more valuable deposits near Mt. Pleasant.

Living alone, in a poor shack, he was the first person certified for aid under the old age assistance program of Tennessee & first to receive a check.

He died in the hospital where he was taken after he broke his leg in a fall on the icy streets.

ABSTRACT FROM BUCKINGHAM POSSE COMITATUS OF 1798

23,000 Names of able-bodied males age 15-60, for possible service in the Army in the Napoleonic Wars.

[Material sent by Henry Shurley of England]

Surname: Shirley/Sherley

Fore-name	Page no.	Occupation	Place
Daniel	116	Servant	Preston with Cowley.
Edward	241	Esquire	Wooburn.
"	342	Butcher	Upton cum Chalvey.
"	248	Esquire	Wooburn.
John	12	Labourer	Aston Clinton.
"	71	Farmer	Brill.
"	79	Farmer	Oakley.
"	85		Ludgershall.
"	88		Oakley. 2 Horses 1 Cart.
"	117		
"	139	Cordwainer	Chesham.
"	346	Labourer	Denham.
Joseph	117	Servant	Marsh Gibbon.
"	303	"	Calverton.
"	304	Labourer	Little Linford.
Lawrence	73	Servant	Boarstall.
Michael	64	Blacksmith	Oving.
"	85		Oving 1 Horse 1 Cart.
" Jnr	71	Farmer	Brill.
"	81		
" Snr	87		Brill 5 Horses 1 Cart.
Richard	73	Labourer	Boarstall.
"	114	Baker	Marsh Gibbon.
"	190	Farmer	Wing.
Samual	183	Labourer	Ivinghoe.
"	215		Ivinghoe.
"	303		Calverton.
Stephen	64	Blacksmith	Oving.
"	81		Wing.
"	217		Wing.
Thomas	15		Buckland.
"	50		Buckland.
"	72	Baker	Boarstall.
"	118		
William	71	Farmer	Brill.
"	102		
"	125		
"	145		
"	188		

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS OF SHIRLEY'S , BUCKS WITH RELATIVES MENTIONED.

1 Thomas Sherley of Ludgershall, Yeoman,
Will made 18 Dec 1678. Bridgett Wife William Son Grandson John ?
Proved 16 July 1679. Thomas Son " Son Thomas " Dau Elizabeth
Nicolas Son " Son William " Dau Anne
Elizabeth Dau " Dau Elinore
Bridgett Dau

2 Lawrence Shirly of Dorton , Yeoman.
Will made 2 Apr 1687. Joyce Wife William Son
Thomas Bro Thomas Son
Edward Bro Michael Son
Elizabeth Dau

3 Thomas Sherley of Ludgershall , Husbandman.
Will made 14 May 1694. Ann Dau Elizabeth Dau Mary Southam Dau
Witness Francis Sherley. " Dau Elizabeth " Dau Ann

4 Francis Sherly of Ludgershall , Yeoman.
Will made 31 Oct 1702. Joan Wife
Ann Dau
John Son

5 Elizabeth Sherley of Ludgershall, Widow.
Will made 19 May 1700. John Parslore Bro Edward Sherley Godson
Proved 10 May 1717. Ann Best Sis John Sherley "
Elnor Berry Sis Ann Leates Goddau
Alice Lance John Wallington Godson
Bury Sis
Dorothy
Warren Sis

6 Sarah Sherley Als Cooper of Halton, Widow.
Will made 6 Jan 1704. Sarah Sherley Als Cooper Dau
Witness Francis Surly.
Proved 13 June 1712. Note, Als probably short for Alias.

7 Elizabeth Sherly of Grendon Underwood, Spinster.
Will made 25 Nov 1717. Ann Aris Sis
Proved 8 Feb 1723. Mary George "
John Sherly Cousen
" Dau Elizabeth
Thomas George Bro

8 Michael Sherley of Oakley.
Will made 4 Apr 1723. John Sherly Son
Proved 13 Jan 1723/4. Michael Sherly "
Jane Eggleton Dau

9 Jonathon Shirley of Wooton Underwood, Yeoman.
Will made 29 Apr 1739. Susanna Wife Abigail Dau in Law
Proved 26 May 1739. Edward Son
John Son
Mary Dau

10 John Sherley of Ludgershall, Yeoman.
Will made 6 Apr 1746. Lydia Lambourn Dau
Proved 30 June 1750. " Dau Lydia
Anne Lambourn Dau

11 Mary Sherley of Little London, Brill. Widow.
Will made 17 May 1746. Michaell Son (Eldest)
Proved 17 May 1748. Edward Son
Stephen Son

12 Susanna Shirley of Wootton Underwood.
Will made 7 Oct 1752. Edward Son Abigail Rigby Dau
Proved 6 May 1758. John Son " Dau Mary
Mary Parrot Dau " Son John
" Son Jonathon

13 Thomas Shirley of Brill, Dairyman.
Will made 8 Dec 1773. Ann Wife
Proved 9 June 1786. Ann Dau

14 John Shirley of Oakley, Dairyman.
Will made 4 July 1778. Sarah Wife Richard Son
Proved 20 Dec 1783. John Son Ann Dau
Michael Son Sarah Dau

15 Edward Shirley of Aylesbury, Labourer.
Will made 29 Mar 1784. Mary Bond Dau
Proved 20 Apr 1784.

16 Michael Shirley of Hunts Close, Brill,
Will made 4 Mar 1809. Elizabeth Wife
Proved 21 Sept 1809. William Son
John Son
Ann Dau
Elizabeth Dau

17 James Shirley of Marsh Gibbon, Labourer.
Will made 6 Nov 1810. Joseph Son
Proved 14 May 1814. Thomas Son
William Son

18 Michael Shirley of Little London, Brill.
Will made 4 June 1811. John Son Michael Son(Decd)
Witness Richard Shirley. Elizabeth Dau " Dau Ann
Proved 25 Oct 1811. Stephen Son (Decd) " Dau Sarah

19 John Shirley of Moor Leys, Oakley. Yeoman.
Will made 5 May 1812. Elizabeth Wife Richard Son
Proved 31 Oct 1812. John Son William Son
Michael Son

20 Richard Shirley of Wing, Dairyman.
Will made 19 Mar 1823. Stephen Son
Michael Son

21 Stephen Shirley of Wing, Yeoman.
Will made 17 July 1836. Elizabeth Wife
Died 18 July 1836.
Proved 17 July 1836.

22 Joseph Shirley of Marsh Gibbon, Carpenter.
Will made 5 Oct 1837. Joseph Son
Died 7 July 1839. James Son
Proved 12 July 1839. Samuel C Son

23 William Sherley of Lapland Farm, Brill. Dairyman.
Will made 20 Oct 1837. Thomas Sherley Bro Thomas Osbourne Son in law
Proved 9 Apr 1839. Thomas Son Elizabeth " Dau
James Son " Dau Betsy
Mary Monk Dau John Sherley Son(Decd)
Ann Smith Dau " Dau Sarah
William Sherley Son (of Staines)

24 Mary Magdelane Shirley of Little London, Brill. Widow of Lawrence.
Will made 23 Mar 1842. Mary Magdelane Jordenson Grand Dau
Died 15 July 1847. ? Martha Eagles "
Proved 15 Mar 1847. ? Jessy Redinges "
Robert Dell Grand Son

25 John Shirley of Little London, Brill. Grazier.
Will made 16 Oct 1849. Martha/ Mary Wife
Witnesses William Shirley.
John Shirley
Proved 13 Sept 1850.

ABSTRACTED & SENT BY HENRY SHIRLEY OF ENGLAND. HENRY ARRANGED TO GET COPIES FOR THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION. WE NOW HAVE THESE WILLS IN OUR FILES. THANK YOU HENRY!

JOSEPH SHIRLEY BORN ABOUT 1826 GREAT BARFORD OXFORDSHIRE

Joseph Shirley married Emma Murray, formerly Stowe, at Great Barford June 20, 1855.

They went to Australia on the ship *RAMSEY* in 1873 with a family. A son, Ernest John, was born in 1875. He married Hannah Jane Jennings.

Joseph & Emma died in Australia. Additional information about other descendants of Joseph and Emma would be appreciated. Please contact:

Mrs. Medland
132 Eugaree St.
Southport 4215
Queensland Australia

Launton & Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire Shirleys

Joseph Shirley Bapt. Dec. 1, 1799 Launton Oxfordshire.
He married May 31, 1830 & died July 29, 1842.
He was the father of:
Mary Ann b. Aug 27, 1830
Richard b. 1833
Elizabeth born 1835
Thomas b. Sept 1840
Wife's name was not included in letter to Shirley Assoc. I have looked in our files and find Joseph Shirley married Mary Evans in 1830 Launton Oxfordshire. I also found other children not mentioned above....Emily 1834 & James 1838. Richard is listed as 1832.

If you have information about this family, please contact:

Dr. Peter Cooley
20 Linforth Dr.
Streetly
Sutton Coldfield
West Midlands B74 2 EQ England

Material taken from a letter written by David Bellamy.

SHIRLEY & OTEY CONNECTION IN NEW KENT COUNTY VIRGINIA

In the mutilated records of deeds & land grants of Virginia in 1681 are records of a grant to Elizabeth Otey. Said property situated on the south side of York River and Spring branch.

The property formally that given to *Elizabeth Shirley*, deceased by virtue of the will of her father *Richard Shirley*, deceased. The property deeded to Elizabeth Otey, who is heir to the whole blood of *Elizabeth Shirley Jr.*, deceased.

These statements were furnished by Professor C.J, Colcock and placed in the South Carolina Historical Genealogical Magazine by A.S. Salley Jr. Vol 111 January 1902.

The name Otey can be found spelled: Oty, Otye, Atye, Uty, Utye & Oty.

From Stemmata Shirleiana...Excerpt...1625 in a dispatch from Mr. **Atye** to Sir Walter Aston in Madrid. He mentions Sir Anthony Shirley...(Sir Anthony Shirley 1563 of Wiston).

Which Richard Shirley of Virginia is this? Any information on the Shirley Otey connection would be appreciated by:

Geneal Black
Rt. 7 Box 258
Northport, AL 35476

A.D. 1066

THE SHIRLEY NEWS

SPRING CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014 1991

ETHEL SPEER UPDIKE BORN OCT 7, 1899 BOWERSVILLE HART CO.GEORGIA

Ethel Updike spent many years researching the Shirleys and related lines and is the author of: CHAMBLEE, FISHER, GRUBBS, HUGHES, ROBINSON, SHIRLEY AND TRIBBLE FAMILIES OF THE SOUTH printed in 1969 (out of print).

NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION JUNE 22 AND 23, 1991 IN MANASSAS VA.

Reservation forms have been included with this issue of the NEWS for members in the USA. The details in regards to time, address, phone numbers, meal and over night arrangements are on this form.

Friday evening 7:30 PM a pre-convention gathering in meeting room at Holiday Inn to get aquainted etc.

Saturday 9:00 AM, all day Convention with speakers, displays and a few surprises!!! A great time for all Shirleys descendants!

Sunday June 23rd, 11 AM, SHIRLEY HOMECOMING DAY at the Broad Run Baptist church in Fauquier County Virginia near the location of the Shirley Convention. We will be going to see the location of the property of the Shirleys in 1770's. Another plan... (the details we are working on as we just learned of this), is a tour of a $3 Million dollar house just built and located a few miles from where we will be. It is a replica of the SHIRLEY PLANTATION HOUSE. The 13,500 square-foot house includes 10 fireplaces, 14 bathrooms, an elevator, a three-story glass rotunda, media room for movie viewing, health spa, swimming pool and four balconies and porches.

WALTER SHIRLEY DESCENDANTS REUNION JUNE 21, 1991 HARPERS FERRY West Virginia.

Please send a check for $10 per person for lunch on Saturday. The menu...Chicken dinner! The best! Time of reunion is **9:30AM to 4:00 PM** at the **Hill Top House in Harpers Ferry.** Send the check to Betty Shirley. (Hill Top House has rooms to stay overnight too! Call: 304-535-2132).

LAURENS COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA SHIRLEY REUNION FRIDAY JUNE 28TH AT THE HOLIDAY INN CLINTON S.C., TIME: 1:OO PM

This is a reunion of the descendants of the Laurens, Fairfield and Spartanburg County Shirleys. Those descendants of Habersham & Rabun County Georgia Shirleys would be some who are descended from these South Carolina Roots as would the Tuscaloosa County Alabama Shirleys. We will have a speaker and will be going to the area where the Shirleys had their land in the 1700's. We will break for dinner, (on your own as I did not want to become involved with meal reservations), and continue with an evening event. We will show the video of the 1986 Shirley Celebration at Ettington in England. We won't tell all here, as we like to reserve some surprises.

REUNION IN HART COUNTY GEORGIA, SAT. JUNE 29TH AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 85 VICKERY STREET, LAVONIA GEORGIA. AT 1:00 pm FOR SHIRLEYS OF BENJAMIN & ELIZ. HUGHES. THOSE DESCENDED FROM JOHN & ELIZ. BARMORE AND FROM OBEDIAH SHIRLEY FAMILY ARE INVITED! POTLUCK! BRING FOOD! CONTACT: STEVE SHIRLEY IN BOWERSVILLE GA. 404-245-5886 HOME, 404-356-8080 WORK.

HABERSHAM & RABUN COUNTY GEORGIA SHIRLEYS, SUNDAY JUNE 30TH AT 1:00 pm AT NORTH GEORGIA TECH IN CLARKESVILLE GA. HIGHWAY #197 BRING A WELL FILLED BASKET. FOR INFO CONTACT; ANGIE PRITCHETT AT 404-778-2417 OR CONNY SHIRLEY 404-754-7722 OR 754-9417.

From your editor: I will be looking forward to meeting you at one or more of the above meeting and sharing the Shirley story. I will be bringing some new items with me.

RICHARD & WILLIAM SHIRLEY OF AUGUSTA COUNTY VIRGINIA

Richard Shirley was the father of:

William Stubley Shirley Jr. born ca 1757 (named for his uncle) married Elizabeth Maxwell in 1780.

Their children:

1. **Richard Charles** b. 1781 died Oct 10, 1833
   married 1st Sarah Brooks (six children)
   married 2nd Nancy Porter (sister of Uriah Porter)

   Children: (all born Jones County Georgia).

   (1). Keziah b. 1805
   m. 1st William Clemence (they had a dau, Eliz)
   m. 2nd George Compton King, Aug 1826. Moved to Alabama. (they were the parents of 5 dau and 1 son. Marriages can be found in Russell & Macon Co. ALA in the mid 1850's for some of these children).

   (2). Elizabeth April 25, 1807 d. 1866
   married John Gaylord Brown in Jones Co. Ga in 1825. They moved to Alabama.
   (3). Phoebe m. Uriah Porter Dec 12, 1823 Jones Co. GA lived Russell County Ala.
   (4). Sadie m. William Barnett Hawes. Lived in Alabama.
   (5). **Thomas** 1816 m. Meck White. They lived Alabama.
   (6). **Nathaniel** 1819 moved to Mississippi

   (children by Nancy)
   (7). **Edward** d. 1835
   (8). **Aaron** d. in service in C.S.A.

2. **James** 1783
3. **John** 1783
4. **Samuel** 1783 (TRIPLETS)
5. **Edward**
6. Mahaley Parker
7. Mary
8. **William Jr.** 1790
9. Elizabeth 1790 (TWINS)

According to this branch of Shirleys there were five brothers from Ireland who settled in Augusta County Virginia in early 1700's. They became dissatisfied, separated, one going to South Carolina, one to Kentucky. Later James, John, Edmund and William settled in Georgia in the year 1775.

References: LDS Film #288189
Old Shirley Bible
Brooks & Kindred Families by Ida Brooks Kellam/1950

There seems to be some confusion on the above lineage as one member has the descent as: Richard, William Sr. 1732, William Jr. 1757 (of Warren Co. GA), William 1790 SC (of Clinch Co GA).

From Editor: While doing the 1990 Fall issue of the NEWS, I spent a lot of time studying the Shirleys of South Carolina, Georgia & Alabama. This article is a continuation of that study which dealt with Laurens, Fairfield, Spartanburg, York and Edgefield Counties in South Carolina, Habersham and Rabun Counties in Georgia, and Tuscaloosa County Alabama.
On page 5 of the Fall 1990 issue of the NEWS, From Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Hayford, Vol 6 page 235...

" William Sherley was born in Spartanburg District South Carolina in 1790, son of William Shirley. The family moved to Warren Co. Georgia ca. 1820....etc."

In Anson County North Carolina I found WILLIAM STOUTLEY (must be Stubley) SHIRLEY, 200 acres July 1, 1758. Could the Richard Shirley who received a Royal Land Grant in 1768 in Berkeley County SC, be the *brother* or the *father* of William Stubley Shirley Sr. born 1732 ? Anson County is near the South Carolina border. William Stubley Shirley Jr. appears to have lived in Spartanburg Co. SC. when his son William was born in 1790 according to the lineage given above.

If Richard Shirley of Berkeley County SC is the father or brother of William Stubley Shirley, this would make the Shirleys of Laurens County SC, Habersham & Rabun County Georgia, Tuscaloosa County Alabama closely related to the William Stubley Shirley line who also lived in Georgia.

Let's look at some Georgia records...

INDEX TO HEADRIGHTS AND BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA 1756-1909

1769	St. Paul	William Shirley
1772	St. George	William Shirley
1787/1790	Burke	Martin Shirley
1794	Richmond Co.	William Shirley

EARLY TAX RECORDS OF GEORGIA BY BLAIR

Warren Co.		Wilkes Co.	
1794	Edward	1793	William Shurley
1805	Edward	1793	Edward Shurley
1805	William Shurly Jr		
1805	Richard Shurly		
1818	William Shirley		
1818	Nathan Shirley		

Many settlers in Virginia and the Carolinas were attracted to Georgia by the early land lotteries. Families who had lived in the territory for at least one year were permitted to draw for acreages as large as 400 acres.

Membership in the Shirley Association is $20 per year. Send a check to: 10256 Glencoe Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014 USA For additional info about meetings or Shirleys call: Betty Shirley at 408-255-8511 evenings, (Pacific time), or weekends, preferred.

1805 Land Lottery of Georgia

Warren Co.	Hancock Co.	Burke Co.
Edward Sherley	James Shirley	William Shirley
William Sherley		
William Sherley Jr.		
Richard Sherley		

1807 Land Lottery of Georgia

Wilkinson Co.	Baldwin Co.
William Sherley	Recardis Sherley
William Sherley Jr.	(Richard)

1820 Land Lottery of Georgia

Irwin Co.	Early Co.
William Shearly	James Sherly
William Sharley's Orp.	Nathan Shurley
Edward Sharley Jr.	Edward Sharley, R.S.

Habersham Co.	Rabun Co.
Nathaniel Sharley	Edward Sharley, SR.

Appling Co.	Walton Co.
Nathaniel Shearley	Phillip Shirley

1821 Land Lottery of Georgia

Henry Co.	Monroe Co.	Houston Co.
William S. Shirley	Richard Sharley	Wm. S. Shirley
James Shurley	Eliz. Sharley (widow)	

1827 Land Lottery of Georgia

Washington Co.	Crawford Co.	Warren Co.
William S. Shearley	Nathaniel Shurley	John W. Sherley
Samuel Shirly		

1832 Land Lottery of Georgia

Habersham Co.	Clarke Co.	Warren Co.
John Sharley	Robert Sharly	Charles Sharley
Abraham Sherley		

NOTE: 1820 Land Lottery above lists Nathaniel for land in Habersham County and Edward Sharley SR in Rabun County. Their names do not appear on the 1820 - 1850 census for those counties. I do not have an 1810 census for GA.

Shirley Association member, Virginia Ferguson, sent the following info about Nathaniel Shurley.... including info on Thomas Shirley 1816 from Harold Harwell.

Thomas Shirley Jan 17, 1816 GA, d. July 2, 1899 Sumter Co. Ala. He was blinded in an accident and thereafter carried the nickname of "Blind Tom".

He married Americus White born 1833 and they had two daughters, Sarah 1849 d. 1851 and Americus 1855 d. 1897, married John Coleman Ezell and their children were born in Choctaw County Alabama. *NOTE from editor: In the 1880 census of Sumter Co. ALA a Thomas Shirley b. 1879 Mississippi is living in the household of Thomas and Americus.*

Harold Harwell writes that Thomas Shirley's grave is in the Ward cemetery at Ward, Sumter Co. Ala. It is located 39 miles east of Meredian, Lauderdale County Mississippi. He also wrote that he remembers his mother telling of some exploits of Grand Paw Shirley. It seems that some times he would ride his horse through the middle of the house when he came home drunk.

1850 census Sumter County Alabama

Nathaniel Shurley	1821	Georgia
Harriett	1826	Florida
Ellen V.	1849	Alabama

also living in this household are:
James Hall 1833 ALA
John Porter 1836 GA

1860 Census Sumter Co ALA

Thomas Shurley	1816	GA
America	1834	ALA
Dora	1851	ALA
Viola	1856	ALA
?Pelo (female)	1858	ALA

W. T. Porter (overseer)

1860 Pike County Mississippi

N. Shurley	1819	GA
H.	1832	GA
M. (female)	1852	

Note: Virginia Ferguson's husband is descended from Dolly.

1870 Lincoln Co.Mississippi

N. Shurley	1819	GA	
H.I.	1843	MS	
Dolly	1858	MS	
Nathaniel	1862	MS	
Nettie	1862	MS	(Twins)
Florence	1863	MS	
Addie	1866	MS	
Thomas	1867	MS	
Homer	1869	MS	

In Jones County Georgia guardianship papers state that Nathaniel was the orphan of Richard Shurley. Signed March 3, 1834 in Jones Co. GA by John G. Brown, Uriah Porter and Barnett Haws.

Note from editor: I have a query from Helen Shurley Allain written in 1978 and sent to me in 1985 by a professional researcher we had hired to do Alabama research. The letter was concerning Dr. Nathaniel J. Shurley her grandfather who settled

in Lincoln County Mississippi about 1850 and died there in 1887. She understood he was born in 1819 and resided and practiced medicine before removing to Mississippi.

Nathaniel Shurley was born 1819 GA died Sept 11, 1887 Liberty, Lincoln County Mississippi. He appears to have married 3 times.

1st Mrs. Harriet V.D.M. Wallace, nee JONES. Harriet divorced Nathaniel in Sumter County MS in 1854. Nathaniel divorced her in 1858 in Lawrence County Mississippi. (A story in itself!)

2nd ? Miss Moore
3rd Henrietta Irene Tynes in 1861

Children by Henrietta: (given by member Yvonne Sutherlin)

1. Florence Lillian Oct 27, 1863 m. Quitman Hall
2. Adaline Estelle Feb 2, 1865
3. Thomas Dalton Apr 1869
4. Homer Clifton June 22, 1869
5. Kate m. Wren Jones
6. James Linfield July 6, 1873
7. Edward M. 1877
8. William Arthur April 29, 1878
9. Eugene Reginald May 14, 1882

Philip and Augusta Shirley with son, Evelyn Robert Shirley christened in July 1990 in the Chapel at Ettington. Major John and Judith Shirley are the proud grandparents. Philip is the eldest son of Major John Shirley and next in line to inherit Ettington Park, the original seat of the Shirley family.

HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA

Records found in the Court House during our visit to Habersham County last year.

Aaron Shirley, resident of Georgia all of his life. Served in Sargeant Company E, 16th Regiment Georgia Volunteers, T.R.R. Cobb's Brigade. His left arm was disabled because of a Smallpox vaccination on left arm. It became infected, reaching such a poisonous condition as to result in loss of the use of this arm. August 1863. Witnesses: William Ivester, A.M. Dawkins & Thomas R. Ivie in 1899 Habersham Co. GA.

B.W. Shirley, born Dec 30, 1837 Habersham County Georgia. Enlisted August 1862, Charleston South Carolina. He was in Company A, Mathew's Artillery South Carolina. He became sick and left the command December 1864. Wit: Moses Franklin in same command.

Bird Shirley, born May 3, 1833 Habersham County Georgia. Enlisted July 1861 Habersham County Georgian. Was in Co. K. 24th Regt. Georgia Volunteers. Captured at Front Royal December 1864 & carried to Elmira New York prison. Released after surrender. Wit: Wm. Ivestor in same Brigade.

E.W. Shirley, born March 16, 1841. Enlisted Mar. 4, 1862 Clarksville Georgia. Was in Company A 52nd Ga. Later, Matthew's Artillery. He was in High Point North Carolina April 1865 at time of surrender. Wit: G.W. Shirley & R.S. Dover 1896 Habersham County Georgia.

George W. Shirley, born November 8, 1945 Georgia. Was a Private in Company A, Matthew's Artillery, South Carolina Volunteers. He was wounded Sept 1865 in South Carolina, while holding lanyard ready to fire large canon. When it fired it bursted at the breach, shock knocked applicant down and paralyzed his right arm. He was sent to the hospital until the close of the war. His arm so impaired by shock that he has not been able to use it for labor since. Wit: T.J. Fry, A.P. Anderson & Moses Franklin 1896 Habersham County Georgia.

Hezekiah Shirley, born September 28, 1825 Habersham County Georgia. He enlisted Aug 1862 Habersham County GA. He was in Co. K 24th GA Regiment under Captain E. Fuller. Aug 16, 1864 at Front Royal Virginia he was wounded in the hand and foot. "I was captured at this time and was so badly wounded the Yankees left me and I went into our hospital at Gordonville & from there furloughed home". When asked where he was at the time of the surrender...:I was at home on wounded furlough and never about to return to the army". Wit: S.A. Shirley, same command.

Joel Shirley, citizen of Georgian since Dec 13, 1833. He was in Company E 16th Regt. GA Volunteers Cobb's Brigade, afterwards Wofford's. Dec 11, 1863 Virginia, he was wounded in right ankle joint with piece of shell. He spent four months in hospital and then sent home, remaining there during the remainder of the war. Wit: A.M.Dawkins, Aaron Shirley, Wm. Ivestor...same command.

Rolland Shirley, resident of Habersham County GA since March 28, 1840. He was a Private in Company E 16th Regt GA Volunteers in Woffords Brigade. Hw was vaccinated in Frdericksburg Virginia. Gangrene set in, joint became still and he was sent home on furlough which was extended until close of war. Wit: J.W. Woodall, A.F. Herrin & W.H. Cross.

S.A. Shirley, born Aug 3, 1843 Habersham County Georgia. Enlisted Oct 1862 Clarksville, Georgia. He was in Company K GA Regt under Capt. E. Fuller. He was discharged Nov 1863 on account of sickness.

HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA

Deed of Conveyance Recorded December 22, 1827 between John Shirly of Habersham County GA of the one part and Samuel A. Shirley of Habersham County GA of the other part.....
Witnessed by: Berryman Shirly
Moses Shirly

OLD NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Sent by Shirley Association member, Mr. T.L. Shirley. His grandfather and Conny Shirley's grandfather were brothers. Moses Shirley was a brother of Levi Berryman Shirley featured on the cover of Vol 3 # 9 National NEWS.

The articles are about the grandfather, & grandmother of Conny Shirley, also a Shirley Association member. The third article is about the son of Moses & Elizabeth.

WEALTHY FARMER SLAIN BY ONE BLOW OF MURDERER'S AX

In Bed Asleep, Moses Shirley Is the Victim of Assassin.

9-20-1910

Cornelia, Ga., Sept. 20.—Moses Shirley, a prominent and wealthy farmer, was killed at his home near Tiger in Rabun county, last night. Shirley and his wife were in bed asleep. The home was entered and Shirley's head was split wide open with an ax.

The blow upon the head of Mr. Shirley awoke his wife and the murderer then struck at her with a deadly blow, but missed her, the ax going almost thru the bed. The murderer made good his escape. The whole community is very much wrought up.

12-1-54

'Granny' Shirley Celebrates 94th Birthday at Tiger

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Shirley celebrated her 94th birthday, Dec. 1 at her home in Tiger.

Mrs. Shirley has been living in Rabun County 73 years, coming her as the bride of Moses Shirley to the house made of logs, especially built for the newly weds in the Bethel community.

She is originally from Pickens County near what is now Jasper, Ga. Her husband lived in Rabun County and met his wife while on a job in Pickens County.

After the marrage he came back home and built the house for them, then went back for his bride and brought her to Rabun County with all their belonging on a horse and wagon.

She is the mother of six children, three of whom are living: Miss Susie Shirley, who lives with her, Mrs. Bertha Cannon of Tiger and Mrs. Lula Welborn.

One Near Death Another Burned In Gasoline Fire

11-6-1924

Clayton, Ga., November 7.—(Special.)—Jesse Shirley, 25, is believed to have been fatally burned, and Nesbet Mosely, a visitor, was less seriously burned, when the Shirley home was gutted by flames early today. Doctors tonight waged a fight to save Shirley. The Shirley farm is two miles south of Clayton on Stecon creek, and is considered one of the most valuable in Rabun county.

Details of the origin of the fire are unknown here, but it is reported that the men were handling some gasoline, which took fire, causing a 50-gallon drum to explode.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY OF OREGON

Taken from an article appearing in the Eugene Review Vol 1 #45 Saturday Sept 5, 1863. Sent by member, Dale Shirley.

A JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.- Yesterday morning William Shirley was shot twice and instantly killed by S. Ellsworth, Esq. The facts as presented before the Cororner's inquest strongly justify Mr. Ellsworth in having taken the life of Shirley. Some four years ago Shirley was tried for the crime of perjury in this county, convicted and sentenced to three years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary. Mr. Ellsworth assisted in the prosecution, and against him and some who were parties to the affair, Shirley, after his conviction, made dark threats. He served his full term in the Penitentiary, and on his discharge in June last returned here. Since then he had given Mr. Ellsworth and others against whom he harbored malice ample cause to know that he would seize the first opportunity to make good his threats. It was given in evidence yesterday that a few weeks ago he was rushing upon Mr. Ellsworth, who was at the time seated in a covered buggy. On one or two occasions he too pains to put himself in Mr. Ellsworth's way and apply insolent and threatening language to him. He had since told several persons of his intention to commit personal violence upon that gentleman, and, as he was known to be desperate at times, it was believed he would do so the first fair opportunity. He had been employed for some time in a saddle tree manufactory near Mr. Ellsworth's residence. On Thursday morning, Mr. E, happened near this place. Shirley, armed with a heavy club, attempted his threatened assault, but fellow workman interposed and wrested the weapon from him, and Mr. E. withdrew. during the day he took steps to have Shirley arrested, but the absence from town of an officer frustrated the arrest. Yesterday morning, as Mr. Ellsworth was watering his horse in the mill pond near the residence he saw Shirley coming towards him. He had prepared himself to resist any subsequent attempts upon the part of Shirley to do him violence, yet he preferred to avoid meeting or having trouble with him, and immediately led away his hose and repaired to his dwelling. When just at the gate, Shirley came up within a few yards of him and insultingly addressed him, wanting to know if Mr. E. meant to have him arrested. An affirmative reply was given. Shirley remarked, "this thing may as well be settled now." and menacingly advanced. Mr. Ellsworth drew his pistol , a small four-barreled revolver. Shirley paused a moment, took a sharp look at Mr. Ellsworth, said, "why don't you shoot." and again started to advance. At that instant the first shot was fired, and with the wheel about that Shirley gave the second shot came. The first ball would undoubtedly have caused death in a short time; the second made instant work of it. He fell and with only a groan expired. The Coroner soon took possession of the body and summoned a jury for inquest The results of the inquest was: "We find that the deceased, William Shirley, came to his death on Friday morning, Sept 4th about 7 O'clock, at or near the gate of S. Ellsworth's residence in Eugene City, Lane County Oregon. Cause two pistol balls-one in the right shoulder, the other in the back near the spinal column; said balls having been fired from a pistol in the hand of S. Ellsworth. We the jurors, find from all the evidence that the killing of the said William Shirley was justifiable homicide on the part of S. Ellsworth, said act having been committed in self-defense.

SIR THOMAS SHIRLEY, THE ANTIQUARIAN & COMPILER OF LARGE PEDIGREE

[The large pedigree is half the size of a tennis court and is the one viewed by American Shirleys in Leicester on the 1986 tour in England].

NOTE: See the International NEWS 1989, 8th edition pages 7 & 8 and National NEWS Vol 3 #6 Oct 1989 pages 6 & 7

ASTWELL HOUSE (visited in 1989 on our tour in England).

John Shirley died in 1570 leaving a son George, who, born in 1559, inherited Staunton Harold in 1571 & Astwell in 1586. George married Frances Berkeley, [daughter of Henry Lord Berkeley]. They were the parents of Sir Thomas Shirley, the Antiquarian.

On May 22, 1622, Sir Thomas Shirley "of Bottle Bridge, in the County of Huntingdon" was Knighted at Whitehall; the Manor of Bottle Bridge, or St.Botolph's Bridge, with those of South Newington in the county of Oxford, Dorsington in the county of Gloucester, & a moiety of the manor of King's Newton in the county of Warwick, having been previously settled on him by his father, Sir George Shirley by deed dated May 20, 1615.

From one of his books, "The Catholique Armourist" & from general tenour of his writings elsewhere, it appears that Sir Thomas Shirley was a Roman Catholic. He was referred to as a Popish Recusant.

His estates in the counties of Huntingdon, Oxford, Gloucester & Warwick had passed from his name & family before the Restoration.

He married Mary Harpur of Rushall in the county of Stafford. They were the parents of:

1. Henry born before 1629
2. George
3. John
4. Francis
5. Thomas
6. Mary
7. Anne

Very little has been preserved concerning them. Their fates have merged in the oblivion which attends the ruined fortunes of the house of Shirley.

In 1678 Robert Lord Ferrers entailed his estates on the failure of his own heirs male, on the heirs male of his great grandfather, Sir George Shirley. Probably, therefore, some descendants of Sir Thomas Shirley were at that time living. It is certain at least that in 1669, one son of Sir Thomas Shirley was living. This appears by a letter in the Bodleian Library from George Seignier to Sancoft, in which he reminds him, on the subject of the church of Staunton Harold, "that the next heir to the estate is a Papist, & then what will become of this fine church without a dowry?

It appears by several papers that Sir Thomas Shirley mortgaged the manor of Bottle-Bridge. Sir Thomas paid neither principal or interest on this mortgage as he is described as "being beyond the sea." According to William Dugdale, Sir Thomas Shirley was at Mr. Turpins house at Morloix in France in 1643.

Sir Thomas Shirley died 1653-4 and was buried in the hallowed ground at St. Peter's church, Pauls Wharf, close to the College of Arms. The church was burnt in the fire of London and was not rebuilt. The Parish register records his sepulture, Feb 4, 1653-4 Sir Thomas Shirley, Knight, buried.

The probable son of Sir Thomas Shirley petitioned the Protector and possibly it was he who petitioned King Charles II in 1662 for the place of Gentleman Usher to the Queen. He represents that his father Sir Thomas Shirley served the late King as squire of the body & Colonel in the North & that he was plundered himself & imprisoned, as Captain under Sir George Booth. Again he petitions to the King (Dec 29, 1666), under the name of Captain Thomas Shirley, for a foot company in Windsor Castle. He again alludes to his father Sir Thomas Shirley's service in the Wars & stating that he had himself served eleven months without pay in his Majesty's Guard of Cavalry. It is thought it was this Captain Thomas Shirley rather than his elder brother, Henry...of whom we have no further trace after the mention of his name in his fathers petition in Sept 1650, who was regarded as the next Popish heir of the estate in the year 1669.

Sir Thomas Shirley, (the Antiquarian), was the uncle of Robert Shirley who died in the Tower of London for building the church at Staunton Harold during the time of Oliver Cromwell. He was the great uncle of the First Earl Ferrers. Sir Thomas Shirley and Sir Henry Shirley (who married Lady Dorothy Deverux), were brothers.

Info taken from the Stemmata Shirleiana by Evelyn Philip Shirley

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THOMAS P. SHIRLEY BORN 1825 SOUTH CAROLINA and MAGGIE SHIRLEY HIS GRANDAUGHTER

Thomas P. Shirley was the son of John and Frances Meadows Shirley. They appear on the 1840 census of Cape Girardeau Co. Missouri. By the 1850 census John was deceased. This family came from White County Tennessee.

Photo from: Catherine Sigler

REPORT ON OUR 1991 TRIP TO WVA, VA, MD, NC, SC & GA

Our trip began on Tuesday, June 11 at 11:15 PM (night flight) from San Jose California to Rawleigh North Carolina where we arrived at 9:35 AM on Wed.

My niece, Barbara Shirley, accompanied me on this trip as she has on many of my trips. She likes to drive, so she does the driving and I read the maps. She also helps by taking care of the registration table, and many other duties such as helping me set up for the meeting and carry in heavy boxes of books etc. She has great handwriting and I hand her the things I need hand copied when we are at the Court Houses or Libraries while I am looking for more info. She is a real helper and a good friend.

As soon as we arrived in Rawleigh, we went directly to the State Archives and spent most of the day researching Shirleys in North Carolina. By mid afternoon, we left for New Bern NC. so we could get to bed early as we had been up all night on the airplane.

The next morning, Thursday, we visited TRYON PALACE. The original was built by Royal Governor William Tryon (1767-1770), who was the grandson of the FIRST EARL FERRERS. It was interesting to learn about this family and to get additional info. [New Bern was the first permanent Capitol of North Carolina]. Tryon Palace was restored in the 1950s. The tour of the house was most enjoyable and we met Governor William Tryon and Mrs Tryon who told us about things of their day. We met their Negro slave, George, who also told us stories. He told us about the move from NC to New York when William Tryon became Governor of New York. This was one of the better tours I have taken and would recommend it. We did not have time to see the town or visit other historical sites.

We hurried on to visit Green Co. NC where we hoped to find an old cemetery "way back in a field" according to Shirley info in our files. Buried in this cemetery was Byrd Shirley born Oct 8, 1795 died Sept 12, 1870, and other later Shirleys. Well, with a lot of luck, we found the lady who owned it and she invited us to her house. She said she lived right across the road from it. We went to her house and sure enough, she did. We enjoyed out visit with her and her lovely family. Her husband was so kind to take us thru the field by car to where we could walk to the cluster of bushes etc. to see the grave stones. (Space does not allow us to elaborate on the things we learned or any in depth stories, unfortunately).

Our next stop was in Lenoir Co. NC. We researched the usual places and visited the sites of the former Shirley farm, but found very little we can report as the sites are built over by factories and country clubs etc. We found no one living there who descends from this family. I am sure there must be, but we were unable to make the contact.

The next day, Friday, we researched in Richmond Virginia at the State Library and then on to Annapolis Maryland where we stayed with Captain John & Evelyn Shirley. (They have accompanied me to England twice and to Australia and New Zealand and said to count

them in if we go back to England in 1992).

On Sunday, Fathers Day, we had brunch with John & Evelyn and then we were off for Virginia where we planned to spend the next several days researching. We spent Sunday afternoon with Jane Norman who has been active in Shirley research as well as many other lines and local history. We had a nice visit, talked about the Shirleys and she copied material for us to add to our files.

Monday, June 17th, we spent this day at the Court Houses and Libraries in Fauquier and Prince William Counties. About 5 PM we took off for Charlottesville Virginia where we planned to spend the night and to drive on to Staunton Virginia the next morning to research Augusta County VA. We stopped to find a motel as soon as we approached Charlottesville, and the price was high. I suggested we go to the other side of town and the prices may be more reasonable. When we got to the other side, we were out of town just like that! We didn't turn around but decided to keep going, we'd find something on down the road. Shortly, we found we were climbing a mountain and suddenly there we were in thick fog! We gasped! It was now after 11PM. We crept for a couple of miles, and then we started down hill and fog was gone. We did find a room for much less but it was midnight when we checked in.

Tuesday, June 18th we researched in Augusta County. By evening we had driven to Winchester Virginia and stayed with another Evelyn Shirley. She let us stay with her for a few nights.

Wednesday and Thursday we spent researching Frederick Co. Maryland, Frederick Co. Virginia, and Jefferson Co. West Virginia. We had planned on Berkeley and Morgan Co. WVA but the day we were there was a Holiday and these Court Houses and Libraries were closed. But, we found quite abit of material for these places from other Libraries and from Evelyn who had done research there etc.

Friday, June 21st was our Walter Shirley reunion at Harpers Ferry, a guided tour by Julia Creamer to the cemetery and former land the early Shirleys owned in that area. We enjoyed meeting everyone.

Sat & Sunday was the National Shirley Convention. We had a nice group and everyone seemed to have a great time visiting and learning about the Shirleys. We had a guest speaker, a tour of the former jail in Warrenton (Fauquier Co.) Virginia where J.W. "Pete" Shirley was the jailer for many years. He died in 1945 and had been a town officer for over 60 years.

Mon. Tues. & Wed. we spent researching in Caswell, Guilford, Wilkes, Burke, Rutherford, Mecklenburg, Anson Counties in North Carolina, and Darlington Co. South Carolina.

Thursday, we researched in Camden Co. SC and at the State Library & Archives in Columbia SC. We arrived in Honea Path South Carolina late afternoon in time to go to dinner with Lydie Thomas & Jim Austin. We stayed with our good friends, Dot & Julian Ricketts for a couple of nights. Dot had open heart surgery a few weeks before we arrived but insisted we had a bed and continue with our plans to stay there. We always enjoy our

visit with these good people.

Friday was the Shirley gathering in Laurens County South Carolina. We had a real nice group. Several families came from Texas. People came from Georgia, Alabama, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia, and South Carolina.

Saturday was the Lavonia Georgia gathering and a good lunch, good company, and a visit to another very old Shirley home. Our thanks to Steve Shirley and his wife for organizing this gathering. It was great to meet those who were at this meeting.

By evening, we had arrived at the home of Conny and Beverly Shirley. They fixed us some dinner, (Beverly is a great cook), and we sat on the porch talking & relaxing. We stayed overnight with them for two nights.

Sunday was the Shirley meeting at North Georgia Tech where Conny is Vice Principle. People came from all over Georgia and from Florida, Texas, Alabama, Virginia, & Tennessee. And... again, great food!

On Monday, we relaxed. This day was OUR DAY! We visited the area sight seeing, visiting antique shops, etc. We also visited BABYLAND, home of the Cabbage Patch doll! Quite a place to visit! Great for kids too! By evening we arrived at my mothers in Statesboro Georgia. The next day, July 2, was her 75th birthday.

We flew home Wednesday or at least we intended to be home on Wednesday. We ended up staying in Dallas TX overnight and going home the next day... July 4th. They had had bad weather on Wed and the flights were behind etc. and our Georgia flight missed the connecting flight in Dallas to California. Well, the end results was, Barbara and I got a $100 voucher each towards a future flight. So...we are going to use them by going back to Dallas in Oct. for Shirley meetings.

Hope you enjoyed hearing alittle about our trip. I have always received so many letters saying how much they enjoyed hearing about our trips that I hope everyone enjoys them and won't mind our taking the space to share this adventure with you. Of course there are many stories we could tell, but space doesn't allow us to go into some of the individual stories learned from the various people we meet along the way. Especially when we have met so many people in a three week period of time.

We thank each of you who came to the meetings and hope you found them to be worth the trip and the time to be there!

WE WILL BE COMING TO TEXAS, OKLAHOMA & ARKANSAS IN OCTOBER! SEE DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWS!

Please begin making your plans to meet us there. How about contacting some of your other family members and let them know in advance of the upcoming Shirley meetings! Thank you!

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY VIRGINIA

3 H&M 225, 1808. Superior Court Chancery Williamsburg Dist. 1803

Richard Rice, died during 1799. Will dated Jan 31, 1795. He was twice married, first to_____by whom he had issue, secondly to **Judith Shurley**, circa 1776, by whom he had two children born before wedlock; **Thomas Shurley** and **Ann Rust Shurley** (afterwards Efford), and others born after their marriage. The testator recognized these two children in his will in the following terms:

"I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Shurley, born before wedlock, my land in Northumberland county, formerly belonging to Robert Sibbles. Should Thomas Shurley die without lawful heir, my desire is, that his sister, Ann Rust Shurley should have all his part of my estate, being born before wedlock."

The rest of his estate is given to his legitimate children.

THE FOLLOWING WAS FOUND IN THE BIBLE OF LUCY T. KIRBY OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY VA.

BIRTHS... Azuleka Rice, daughter of Robert Rice and Mary A. **Shirley**, his wife.

SCHEDULE OF SHIRLEY MEETINGS

FRIDAY, OCT 4, 1991 10 AM TO 4 PM
Ramada Inn
120 W. Pershing
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

SATURDAY, OCT 5, 1991 10 AM TO 4 PM
Days Inn
2801 NW 39th Expressway
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

SUNDAY, OCT 6, 1991 10 AM TO 4 PM
Ramada Inn
120 West Airport Freeway
Irving, Texas
DALLAS TEXAS

SATURDAY, OCT 19, 1991 10 AM TO 4 PM
Holiday Inn
US 99 at 47th Ave
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Reservations are not necessary at any of the above locations. The meetings are open to both members and non-members of the Shirley Association. To help cover the costs of the meeting rooms, etc., a donation of $3 per person is requested and may be paid at the door at time of registration. I will look forward to seeing those of you who live near enough to attend.

JAMES RICHARD SHIRLEY

James Richard Shirley who died on Sunday the 9th inst., near Auburn in this county, has been a notable figure in the eastern section of **Fauquier County Virginia** for a half century.

78 years marked his earthly allotment. He was at a very early age left an orphan, and his aunts who were well circumstanced, and had the care of him, seemed not to have felt the necessity of having him educated. Mr. Shirley was above medium size, of good presence, erect, of frank and open countenance and most pleasing address. He was a good conversationalist--using pure and appropriate language and remarkably well informed on all current events. The writer has personal knowledge of many deeds of valuable service to friends.

As a Confederate soldier he made a good record with Captain James V. Brooke's Artillery Battery. He was a dealer in stock prior to the war, and such was his astuteness, address and good judgment that few were aware of his want of education. The following incident will show the innate mental ability that he possessed: After General Lee's severe campaign of the wilderness, Mr. Shirley was sent to a Lynchburg Hospital ill with malarial fever. Pending his convalescence he would procure the leading daily papers and say to his comrades: "Now one of you boys with a good voice read aloud, that we may all get the benefit of the News." He would later sally forth from the seance the best equipped man with the news of the times that the post held. He made the acquaintance of Dr. McLaughlin, a cultured and distinguished Louisiana Surgeon who was so pleased with him that he recently had him in his office for entertainment, by conversation, of himself and guests. After one of these visits, Dr. McLaughlin remarked that Mr. Shirley was one of the best informed men that he had ever met with, and that further, he was enabled to see why the Old Dominion was so proud of her "Virginia Gentlemen". Mr. Shirley was always kind and helpful to those in need of his services, and the last act of his life was an effort to extinguish the flames of a neighbors's dwelling. He succumbed to heart trouble in the exertion and excitement and was two days later laid to rest. With so much good fellowship and love of his kind he can scarcely have failed to leave pleasant memories with those who knew him.

Taken from page 212, Joseph Arthur Jeffries' Fauquier County 1840-1919, Compiled by Helen Jeffries Klitch

Note: I found a J.R. Shirley in the 1900 census of Cedar Run Fauquier Co. Va. born Oct 1824 Virginia living alone.

FAUQUIER COUNTY VIRGINIA

J.W. "Pete" Shirley born July 3, 1857 Virginia. He was well known in Fauquier County and is listed in the 1880 census with wife, Jeannie and two daughters, Pauline & Blanche. In the 1900 census James W. Shirley had four more daughters, Ethel, Lottie, Irene and Ruth.

FROM: OLD HOMES AND FAMILIES of FAUQUIER COUNTY VIRGINIA (WPA RECORDS)... about the old Jail etc.

The present jailer, who followed Mr. John Pattie, a veteran of many years, is Mr. Pete Shirley, an elderly gentleman of rotund figure and delightful personality. He has held this important post for the past fifty years and takes great pride in his very good record over this period. It is said that he can make the stay of his "guest" as pleasant, under the circumstances. Few men have more friends.

FROM: THE DIARY OF COURT HOUSE SQUARE, WARRENTON VIRGINIA
By Lee Moffett... references to Pete Shirley.

p. 56, July 1, 1887 J.W. Shirley was selected Sergeant for the coming year to end June 30, 1888.
p.89, J.W. Shirley resigned June 2, 1914 as Sergeant of the Town and W.H. Burke was appointed at $60 per month. Mr. Shirley is to be Superintendent of Water Works, Cemetery, to look after the hay and cattle scales, and the town clock.
p. 148, July 25th, 1934...the Courthouse is still intact and Honorable J.W. Shirley is a hero. About 2 AM one morning last week he had his Chevrolet from the 1920's, parked at his accustomed place. Two gentleman came up the Lee Highway and apparently couldn't straighten out their car so hit the Chevy, demolishing it. Mr. Shirley said if his car had not been parked there, the Mosby Monument would have been taken down or the Courthouse would have been hit.
p.152, Sunday March 16th 1935, a testimonial dinner was given for the Warrenton's Grand Old Man, Honorable J.W. "Pete" Shirley, who began his official duties as Sergeant of the Town March 8th 1887,
p. 164, Monday night, May 17th 1937, J.W. Shirley age 80, fell down the jail steps while he was making inspections and broke some ribs.
p. 167, Monday night, September 5th, 1938...Poor Pete Shirley, someone hit him over the head, took the keys and five prisoners escaped. By the 10th four were returned and the last one by Wed. the 21st.
p. 191, March 3rd 1945, J.W. Shirley, Jailer, died at the age of 88. He had been town officer for over 60 years. He will truly be missed.

NEWS FOR WALTER SHIRLEY DESCENDANTS

In an old Bible dated 1816: "Walter Shirley landed in America from England about 1726." He is said to have landed in the Colony of New Jersey. He married Dorcas Avis and they with their children migrated to the Shenandoah Valley area of Virginia prior to 1745. No records had been found for Walter Shirley before the Court Orders and Petitions of Frederick County 1743-1745, Vol. 1 p. 294, where record is to be found of a judgment obtained against William Jay.

NEW INFORMATION HAS BEEN DISCOVERED FOR WALTER SHIRLEY BEFORE HE CAME TO VIRGINIA....from your editor:

I placed a call in March 1991 to Jack Williams to be sure he knew of the Walter Shirley reunion in Harpers Ferry in June. It has been sometime since we have corresponded. It was during this

conversation that I learned Walter Shirley had been found in Maryland on a 1733 tax list. I asked Jack to please write me about this. He did, and the following are excerpts from his March 9th letter.

"As mentioned in our conversation, my Avis correspondent, Frances Brown, discovered a bookstore in Maryland that has available copies of the out-of-print 1976 Bicentennial Revised Edition of A HISTORY OF CALVERT COUNTY MARYLAND, published by the author, Charles F. Stein, and the Calvert County Historical Society. In addition to the County's history and numerous genealogies, this excellent book contains tax assessment lists, and lists of taxable persons in various Hundreds (election districts). Unfortunately, the individuals found on the lists are not, repeat not, found in the index".

Page 377-378 is a list of all persons inhabiting or residing in St. Leonards Creek Hundred in the year 1733 taken by Richard Hellen, Constable. Found among the inhabitants and residents of St. Leonard's Creek Hundred are.... WALTER SHIRLEY.

Also appearing on the same list:

At Robert Avis'- Jarvis Avis, Robert Avis, Jr.

On the IGI for Maryland:

Robert and Ann Avis had the following children:
Jane Avis b. April 18, 1706
Dorcus Avis b. Nov 21, 1708 (Note: Walter married Dorcas Avis)
Jarvis Avis b. Feb 18, 1711

When learning about Walter Shirley, I made a decision to include Maryland in my research trip this summer. I have been to St. Mary's County MD before, but I wanted to return to see where Leonard's Creek Hundred might be in relation to where Wiseman's Point was... (this having to do with Richard Shirley in the same time frame).

I called Captain John Shirley (since he lives in Maryland and is familiar with the Hall of Records in Annapolis), to see if would check into the location of these two places. He did, plus he researched and wrote letters to various places and there was no further mention of Walter Shirley.

John & his wife, Evelyn, took us to these locations when we visited them. To me, I found it very interesting to learn these two locations were across the River Patuxent from each other. The distance across is about 1/2 mile. It would seem to me that Walter and Richard Shirley would certainly know one another. I suggest they are closely related!

NOTE: Richard Shirley is mentioned three times in Calvert Co. MD records, that I am aware of. Feb 6, 1693 he was a witness and Apr. 30, 1695 he was an Appraiser of an estate and in the ARCHIVES #19 page 260... Richard Shirley of Calvert Co. MD. Account allowed for carrying over the bay several copies of the laws by order of His Excellency the Governor...800 pounds tobacco.

John Wiseman [of Wiseman's Point] married Catherine Miles daughter of Francis Miles, who on Feb 4, 1674/5 proved his rights to 250 acres of land, 100 acres being for his "own and Katherine his wife's time of Service performed in the province and 150 acres for Transporting John his son, Katherine and Prudence his daughter into this Province to Inhabit". The will of Francis Miles was proved in St. Mary's Co. MD Sept 23, 1700. The will of John Wiseman was written Dec. 6, 1703, being proved July 13, 1704, in St. Mary's Co. MD. His personal estate, appraised on Aug 12, 1704, manifested a value of 182 pounds, quite affluent for that era, including four slaves and a number of books. Before Sept 20, 1704, his widow married secondly **Richard Shurley** who rendered an account upon the estate.

After Katherine Wiseman Shirley died, Richard Shirley married Sarah___. Richard Shirley had a son Richard by Katherine and three sons, George, William and John Shirley by Sarah. Richard Shurley died in 1737 his will admitted to probate in St. Mary's Co. MD on July 15, 1737 by Robert Greenwell, Thomas **NORRIS**, and John Manning. [Note: Katherine Wiseman's children before her marriage to Richard Shirley were: John Wiseman, Mary Wiseman who married Cornelius Manning, Robert Wiseman and Catherine Wiseman who married John Greenwell].

The sons, William and John Shirley, are believed to be the ones who are found in Frederick County MD in 1750 and are living in Lower Antietam less than 10 miles from Harpers Ferry. At the same time, **WALTER SHIRLEY** is living the same distance on the other side of Harpers Ferry. This William and John Shirley later went to Bedford Co. Pennsylvania...(ancestor of your editor's husband). [Note: Ruhannah **NORRIS** married George Shirley and they lived in Bedford Co. PA. They were the gt.gt.grandparents of my husband].

PLEASE NOTE IN THE FALL 1990 ISSUE OF THE SHIRLEY NEWS PAGE 9... NORRIS FAMILY OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY MARYLAND RELATED TO SHIRLEYS, ARTICLE.

INTERESTING ITEMS

On November 22, 1633, two small ships set sail from Cowes England bound for the new world. The larger ship was the Ark and carried 140 passengers. These were the first Maryland adventurers. **Robert Shirley** was a passenger as was a **Henry Wiseman, son of Sir Thomas Wiseman, Knight.**

Thomas Shirley age 23 years sailed from England on the Thomas & John in 1635. Also on this ship was **Catherine Wiseman** 19 years of age.

WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST SOME ASSISTANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:

THE NORRIS, WISEMAN AND MILES FAMILY IN ENGLAND. THE HISTORY SURROUNDING THE ARK AND DOVE AND PASSENGERS IN 1633.

Learning the location of the above families in England could direct us to an earlier Shirley connection in England.

THE VIRGINIA COMPANY ADVENTURERS 1610-1611

From Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Series 2 V. 3 1607-1624.

This subscription list began to be circulated as early as Nov 1610, if not before.

The names of such as have signed with the somes of money by them adventured on 3 years towards the supply of the Plantation begoone in Virginia, accordinge to their order of writeing for that business, remaininge in the Register Booke in the hands of Sir Thomas Smith, Treasurer.

The list includes 100 Knights, 58 Esquires, etc.

Sir Thomas Sherley 37.10. (This would be the Thomas of Wiston in Sussex England, I presume).

SCHALLY/SHALLY

A few months ago, I received information about a Shally family and because of the National Shirley Convention and all of the other projects I was already involved with, I was unable to give this Shally info any serious attention until I returned in July. Since that time I have spent a great deal of time letter writing, making long distance phone calls and researching in the Library, plus going thru our own files. Packets of Schally / Shally data has been sent to the names of our members, past and present, who descend from:

Valentine Shirley who married Catherine Baer,
Michael Shirley who married Katy Franz,
Peter, father of Christian Shirley, grandfather of Belle Starr,
Luke Abe Shirley who married Margaret, and lived in Green Co. Tennessee.

QUESTION ... ARE THESE THE SAME PEOPLE LISTED BELOW?

Carl Shalle b. before 1700 Palatinate Germany died PA. He married Anna Esther_____.

He arrived on the "Robert & Alice" in 1739 from Germany.

Children: Baptism dates

1. Anna E. Jan 5, 1730 Wurzweiler, Pfalzer-Wald Germany married Johan Nicholas Shaque
2. Johan **Michael** Dec 18, 1732 Wurzweiler, Pfalzer-Wald Germany
3. **Lucas Abraham** Sept 22, 1736 Werzweiler, Pfalzer-Wald Germany
4. Johann Adam Jan 16, 1739 Wurzweiler, Pfalzer-Wald Germany m. Catherine Pfeiffer Nov 8, 1763 Lebanon, Lancaster Co. PA
5. Johann **Peter** born Sept 29, 1741 and Bapt Jan 3, 1742 Lancaster Co. PA. Married Anna E. Kelker
6. Johann **Valentine** born Dec 6, 1743 & Bapt Dec 21, 1743 Lancaster Co. PA.

Mildred Sutton, Gwen Bjorkman, Norita Reynolds, Mrs. James McLachlan and Carl McCallus contributors of the above info.
HELP IN FURTHER RESEARCH ON THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED !!!

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR: I PURCHASED A BOOK AT TRYON PALACE AND I THINK YOU WILL ENJOY READING THE FOLLOWING LETTER I FOUND IN THE BOOK. IT CERTAINLY GIVES YOU A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST. I FOUND IT FASCINATING AND IT TELLS ABOUT THE VERY AREAS WE WERE TRAVELING THIS SUMMER.

[Because of space, I have had to print two book pages on one sheet, therefore I have had to print these pages in the opposite direction].

LETTER FROM GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON OF NORTH CAROLINA TO HIS UNCLE SEWALLIS SHIRLEY IN ENGLAND

THE CORRESPONDENCE OF WILLIAM TRYON AND OTHER SELECTED PAPERS VOLUME 1, 1758-1767

Edited by William Powell

William Tryon to Sewallis Shirley[1]

North Carolina,
Brunswick on Cape Fear River,
July ye 26th, 1765

My Dear Sir:

I most gratefully received the happiness you conferred on me the 5th Ins:t by your letter bearing date the 12th of Feby last, accompanied with a most acceptable present, a Gold Box with the Picture of an invariable friend, as well to my family, as myself. You could not have sent me a more acceptable present; and for which you have my most sincere acknowledgements.

Your particular detail of your affectionate and steady conduct in adjusting the intricate state of the affairs of my Mother, and the agreement she has entered into with my Brother[2] for the sale of my Hobby Horse Norbury,[3] gives me great satisfaction from the evident necessity of such a proceeding. Your good offices on this, and every other occasion claim as they merit, more than I am able to repay you. However, I shall ever retain a lively and affectionate regard for the author of them.

I will now endeavour from memory to give you a rough sketch of my Proceedings in this Country since my arrival in it, you must not expect to have the unities preserved. My Landing in this Province was on the 11th of Octr last, soon after finding the Goverr determined to stay the Winter here. I repaired to Wilmington, 15 Miles higher up the River than Brunswick. About the Middle of Decr I took with Mrs. Tryon and Mr. Elwin her Cousin, a Tour through part of this Province. We kept the Sea Board Road for two hundred & 40 Miles, (that is never being farther from the Sea than Sixty or eighty Miles) till I came to the Virginia Line which is in 36° 30' North Lat. This from Wilmington kept me on a North and North East Course from the Virginia and Carolina dividing line (where we struck it, was forty Miles North of Edenton.) We took a West Course to Halifax 70 Miles to the Westward of Edenton and from thence, took a South and South West Course back to Wilmington where we arrived the Middle of Feby. This Journey was accomplished with more ease and better accommodations than I could possibly have expected to have experienced, and I found the *Gentlemen* very ready in giving the hospitality their Planta[tions] afforded. The Tour was five Hundred Measured Miles and upwards. The whole of the Journey to the Virginia Line is Sandy, flat and for the most part covered with Pine Trees tho' to the Northward you go over some Oak Land, yet Sandy Soil. The Roads over the Swamps, called Pocosons, are all made, which Swamps are covered with tall Cypress Trees some of six feet in Diameter, and Seventy feet in height before they shoot a Branch, with Bay Trees and Red and White Cedar Trees; with a variety of other Aquatilis which I am unacquainted with. These swamps when cleared and drained produce fine Rice or Indian Corn or I believe Indigo, but this Province is not yet sufficiently inhabited, to have cleared any great quantity of these Pocosons.

I saw no large parcel of Rich Land that laid dry, till I took the Course Westward from the Northward of this Province. Near Halifax there are fine Rich lands of clay and loamy texture and by the thickness of the Corn Stalks of the last Season, I could perceive the goodness of the Earth. About twenty Miles Westward of Halifax, I was carried to See a Situation called Mount Gallant[4] which was the first Hill I had seen that was high enough to over look the woods of this Wild Forest. The Soil here they told me was very good tho' in dry weather pulverises as light as snuff, and when wet will stick to your Shoes like Marle, it is of a Reddish Cast. Under this Hill is the first principal falls on the Roanoke River, they are wildly pleasing to the Eye, not from the height of the Falls, but from the appearance of a course of a River two Miles across interrupted irregularly with Rocky Stones so as to Stop the Navigation for any thing but Canoes, and those not safe unless under the conduct of

a dexterous Negroe. This and the Neighboring Hills were the only ones that have given me an opportunity of over looking in an Horizontal line the Woods. In our return from Halifax in less than twenty Miles we got again into Sandy Pine Land, and continued it to Wilmington the distance from which is 180 Miles. I remained quiet at Wilmington till March, when Lord Adam Gordon came into this Province, a visit that gave me no small joy, as he was not only a particular friend, but had the additional merit of being the first person I had seen, even of my personal acquaintance since I left London. I was accompanying him as far as Newbern in this Province, when My trusty servant George, who now lies dangerously ill of a Putrid fever and is in a Raving fit, at this instant, over took me with an account of Governor Dobbs's Death the 28th of March last. I was then within Twenty Six Miles of Newbern and 74 from Wilmington. This Event obliged me to quit my friend, who proceeded through Virginia to the Northern Colonies, and is to sail from New York in Oct[r] Next for Falmouth in the Packet. I reached Wilmington the 30th of March and to my surprize found they had buried the Governor and for want of a Clergy, the Funeral Service was performed by a Majestrate of Peace. The usual Steps on this Event being taken, I called an assembly at Newbern, the place in my opinion at present, the most convenient for holding the genl assembly. We met the 3[d] of May. The Journals will be the History of our Works. I was sore at the time, as you will hear by the letter I wrote Our worthy Friend at the Gov: but as I carried the Material Points; particularly the Clergy Bill, I shall forget what is over, and wait for more at our next meeting which is the 27th Nov: I left Newbern the End of May and got to Brunswick the 1st of June to the House the late Gov[r] lived in[5] when we began to be very busy in opening and unpacking half the furniture we brought from England,[6] and for want of Room we could not put up in our house at Wilmington.

As you are acquainted with M[rs] Tryons Neatness you will not wonder that we have been pestered with scouring of Chambers White Washing of Ceilings, Plaisterers Work, and Painting the House inside and out. Such is the Sickness and indolence of the Workmen in this Hot Climate that I shall not I am persuaded get rid of these nuisances this month. This House which has so many assistances is of an oblong Square Built of Wood. It measures on the out Side Faces forty five feet by thirty five feet, and is Divided into two Stories, exclusive of the Cellars the Parlour Floor is about five feet above the Surface of the Earth. Each Story has four Rooms and three light Closets. The Parlour below & the drawing Room are 20 x 15 feet each; Ceilings low. There is a Piaza Runs Round the House both Stories of ten feet Wide with a Ballustrade of four feet high, which is a great Security for my little girl.[7] There is a good Stable and Coach Houses and some other Out Houses. If I continue in this House, which will depend on Capt. Dobbs' Resolution in the manner he disposes of his Effects here,[8] I shall & must build a good Kitchen, which I can do for forty Pounds Sterling of 30[f] x 40[f]—The garden has nothing to Boast of except Fruit Trees. Peaches, Nectr[s] Figgs and Plumbs are in perfection and of good Sorts. I cut a Musk Melon this week which weighed 17½ Pounds. Apples grow extremely well here I have tasted excellent Cyder the Produce of this Province. Most if not all kinds of garden greens and Pot herbs grow luxuriant with us. We are in want of nothing but Industry & skill, to bring every Vegetable to a greater perfection in this Province. Indian Corn, Rice, and American Beans (Species of the Kidney Bean) are the grain that is Cultivated within a hundred and fifty Miles of the Sea Board at which distance to the Westward you begin to perceive you are approaching high ground, and fifty Miles farther you may get on tolerable high Hills. The Blue Mountains that Cross our Province I imagine lay three Hundred Miles from the Sea. Our Settlements are carried within one Hundred Miles of them. In less than twenty years or perhaps in half the time inhabitants may Settle at the foot of these Mountains. In the Back or Western Counties, more industry is observed than to the Eastward, the White People there to, are more numerous than the Negroes. The Calculation of the Inhabitants in this Province is one hundred and twenty Thousand White & Black, of which there is a great Majority of White People. The Negroes are very numerous I suppose five to one White Person in the Maritime Counties, but as you penetrate into the Country few Blacks are employed, merely for this Simple reason, that the poorer Settlers coming from the Northward Colonies sat themselves down in the back Counties where the land is the best but who have not more than a sufficiency to erect a Log House for their families and procure a few Tools to get a little Corn into the ground. This Poverty prevents their purchasing of Slaves, and before they can get into Sufficient affluence to buy Negroes their own Children are often grown to an age to work in the Field. not but numbers of families in the back Counties have Slaves from three to ten, Whereas in the Counties on the Sea Coast Planters have from fifty to 250 Slaves. A Plantation with Seventy Slaves on it, is esteemed a good property. When a man marries his Daughters he never talks of the fortune in Money but 20 30 or 40 Slaves is her Portion and possibly an agreement to deliver at stated Periods, a Certain Number of Tarr or Turpentine Barrels, which serves towards exonerating the charges of the Wedding which are not grievous here.

I suppose you will expect to be informed what return is Made for the expence of Supporting such a Number of Slaves in the Province. Their chief employ is in the Woods & Fields, Sowing, and attending and gathering in the Corn. Making of Barrels, Hoops, Staves, Shingles, Rails, Posts and Pails, all which they do to admiration, Boxing of Pine Trees to draw off the Turpentine, Making of Tarr kills [kilns] which is a good deal after our Manner of making a Charcoal Pitt, excepting they

have a Subterraneous passage to draw off the Tarr as the fire forces it from the Lightwood in the Kiln. Lightwood I understand to be as follows. When a Tree has been blown down or Cut. The Turpentine that is in the tree, in a few years retires to all the knotty parts of the said Tree. These they Cut up in small strips and will form a Tarkiln so large that when set on Fire, will run from 6, 7, 8 or 1000 Barrels of Tar. These splinters are so loaded with Bitumen that they will burn like a Candle; it is a usual thing to carry a Torch of Light Wood at night as you Europeans do flam beaus. The above are the articles we export Beside Deer Skins, Barrels of Pork, Beef, Bees Wax, Tallow &tc. Great Quantity of Lumber is Shipped to the West Indies. We have in the Creeks and Branches of this River of Cape Fear from 36 to 40 Saw mills, each with two Saws, and upon an honest Medium, each Mill saws two hundred Thousand feet of Timber. They could do a thousand more but most of them in the Summer Months are obliged to lay Still for want of Water. This Article would make a fine remittance to Great Britain if a Bounty was allowed on the importation. The Pine (as M^{r} Hawks[9] the Master Builder I took over with me from England, and who is a very able Worthy man) says is Vastly Superior to the Norway the Norway [*sic*] Pine, for the Decking of Ships, as it is more Solid and filled with Turpentine which makes it very durable. He is Positive that a Ship's Deck laid of the yellow Pine of this Province will last at least as long as two decks of the Norway Pine. The Shingles made for Exportation are made of Cypress, and are Sold the best at 9^{s} Sterling per Thousand. I shall now say no more at present of the Produce of this County Its Naval Stores &tc. but return to some private occurences of my own family. As to Health M^{rs} Tryon and the little girl have enjoyed a very happy share of it. As to Myself I cannot say so much, having been sharply disciplined with a Billeous disorder in my Stomach and Eruptions of the Rash kind, on my Legs, this I got over the latter end of April last. About a Month since I had a return tho' not so Violent, a Strong Emetic was administered which handled me very Severely, however it effected the cure, and I have Supported the heats very well since. The Thermometer (made by Adams)[10] was in June in a Cool passage at 88°-0′ at the highest, and this Month it has been from 79 to 87°-0′. The day after my last letter of June to L^{d} H the glass in twenty hours sunk from 87°-0′ to 71°-30′. Which great change caused much Sickness in in [*sic*] the Province. If I was to Muster my family I should not be able to return many fit for Duty. The Lad we took from Norfolk, a sailor I have made my groom and a little French boy I got here, is all the Male Servants, well, Le Blanc, Cuisinier; & Turner, the Farmer, have both fevers and are taking the bark.[11] Georges Senses just returned with some favorable Symptoms and lastly the girl we took from my Farm has been so ill that she has done an hours work these two months. I sent her last week to a Plantation on the Sea Side, for a change of Scene, and air, She is getting better. These are inconveniences I am told every newcomer must experience in this Colony they term it a seasoning. Surely it has a little too much of the Kian Pepper in it. We have been drove to very short Commons, and the Cooks being sick deprived us of our Baker. We often sent to Brunswick Town (about 20 families in it) to beg Bread, as there is none for Sale that can be eat nearer than Wilmington fifteen Miles off, either by Land or Water. I shall do better when I get my family on their Legs again. As I have purchased a yard full of fowls, have some good Hams and occasionally get a Bit of Mutton or Beef I reckon My Situation here is more out of the way for buying provisions than any Corner of the Province, but hold it to be as healthy as any in the Province, being within sight of one of the Sea Inlets at the distance of five Miles, tho' to the Bar of the River where the Vessels go over, is fifteen Miles, which makes us half way between the Bar and Wilmington. As I am desirous of not showing myself particularly partial to any particular Spot of the Country or people, I have hired three other houses. One at Wilmington to be at when I hold the Land Office, which is twice a year, One at Newbern, where I hold the Genl Assembly and the Courts of Chancery,[12] and a Small Villa within three Miles of Newbern, for the purpose of raising a little Stock and Poultry for use of the family. I imagine you will say Tryon will certainly ruin himself, but my good Friend Houses are not so convenient nor so high priced as in Britain. The Rent of these four Houses with Six Hundred and forty acres to the Newbern Villa amount to near 130 £ Ster^{g} I have Sixty acres of land belonging to this House all sand, except about 15 acres of Salt Marsh, use less at present from neglect & Weeds. I must now confine myself to my particular Situation in a Political View. I have been at great charges both of labor and expence in getting my family into this Province, and after many tedious disappointments Collected them more together than ever they have been yet, and as I think there is a large Field for good offices, If the People are reasonable I am persuaded, I could render His Majesty as much Service in this Colony as in any other more settled.

If the climate continues to agree with M^{rs} Tryon and little one I shall be content to Act as the Political Physician, but if they will neither take my Pills, or follow my Prescriptions I shall desire another Doctor may be called in, and that Physician retire who will never give his attendance for the consideration of the Fee. As to the Emoluments for the Gov^{r} they arise from Licenses for Public Houses and Marriages if by License Special,[13] Fee for putting the Seal of the Province to letters Testimonial, letters of Administration Registers for Ships &tc. All which by the Estimate the Governor gave me some time before his Death amounts to about 400 £ St^{g} and the Fees on the Warrants for Surveying the Lands and Patents for granting them (which business is done in the Land Office) amount to between 3£ and 400£ Ster^{g} which last is a donation of

the Crown to the Governor so that the Province gives the Gov^{r} 400£ per Ann: Which he is obliged to Collect from at least forty or fifty different hands, in which Number there must be some deficiencies. The County Clerks account with the Gov^{r} for most of these Fees. I do not See, or believe the Province in a Situation capable of adding any considerable addition to the Fees, and I am persuaded, their inclination is as slack as their ability is weak for such a step. Therefore, the Gov^{r} of this Province must live in a Mean and shabby Manner, if it was not for the Salary allowed from home to him. I hope you and my friends have been very busy in procuring My Commission as Governor, passing the Offices[14] as soon as possible. I was determined you see when I took pen in hand to say what I might have subdivided into Six letters. I have from the heat of the Weather found myself in such a State of Indolence, that I have been perpetualy moving from one room to the other, tho' motion makes us hotter, and never able to Settle to reading or any business. I have wrote this long letter yesterday Evening and this Morning. I was up at 4 o'clock. We ride most days, Morning or Evening. M^{rs} Tryon has two horses which carry her very safely.

Say Every thing for me to Lord Halifax & L'Hillsborough that is proper and grateful; particularly make my very affectionate Compl^{ts} to L^{d} Hyde. Communicate some contents to him of this book. He knows he is my Sheet Anchor.[15] I expect ample amends for the trouble I give you to read this Manuscript. I think you promised to send me the Monthly Gazetes,[16] I have received none. Pray remember us all to every body that inquires after us. I have received a handsome cheerful letter from My friend Hotham[17] and also from Leland[18] both whom I regard. I shall be most happy if in your next letter you tell me you have recovered your appetite and in better health; a Circumstance I am very Solicitous about. M^{rs} Tryon joins with me very Sincerely in our wishes for your health &tc.

I am D^{r} S^{r}
Most Cordially yours,
W Tryon

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[1]Sewallis Shirley (1709-1765) was the fourteenth son of the first Earl Ferrers and brother of Tryon's mother, the former Lady Mary Shirley. Shirley was a member of Parliament, 1742-1761, and Comptroller of the Household to Queen Charlotte. He died on October 1, probably shortly after receiving this letter from his nephew. See also Tryon's letter to [Sir Henry Clinton], September 12, 1758, n.5, in this volume. Arnett, *From England to North Carolina*, 41.

[2]See William Tryon to Sir Henry Clinton, September 12, 1758, n.7, in this volume.

[3]In all likelihood, this was a figure of speech meaning "special interest."

[4]Mount Gallant is located on the northeast side of the Roanoke River, approximately twenty miles northwest of modern Halifax, according to *An Accurate Map of North and South Carolina* by Henry Mouzon, published in London in 1775.

[5]Dobbs's house was the former residence of Captain John Russell; the fifty-five-acre tract on which it was located adjoined the northern boundary of the town of Brunswick and was called Russellborough. Dobbs had occupied the house since 1758. A discussion of the house and its history can be found in " 'Russellborough': Two Royal Governors' Mansions at Brunswick Town" by Stanley A. South in the *North Carolina Historical Review*, XLIV (Autumn, 1967), 360-372.

[6]An inventory of Tryon's furniture which was lost when fire destroyed his home in New York on December 29, 1773, appeared in *New York History*, XXVI (July, 1954), 300-309. Undoubtedly most, if not all, of this furniture had been brought to North Carolina in 1764.

[7]Margaret Tryon (1761-1791).

[8]Tryon did not finally purchase Russellborough from Capt. Edward Brice Dobbs, the late governor's son, until February 2, 1767.

[9]John Hawks (1731-1790), a native of Lincolnshire, England, accompanied Tryon to North Carolina in 1764 and was the architect, contractor, and accountant for Tryon Palace, constructed between 1767 and 1770 in New Bern. In addition to his official services as architect for the palace, Hawks was responsible for private buildings. Tryon appointed him collector of customs at Beaufort, and he held other minor posts. After the Revolution he was a justice of the peace, a district auditor—later, first state auditor—and a member of the Council of State. *Concise Dictionary of American Biography* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1964), 415.

[10]George Adams was mathematical instrument maker to George III.

[11]Bark of the cinchona tree, from which quinine is procured, was formerly ground into a powder and taken as a febrifuge.

[12]The governor, sitting in council with at least five members present, could act as a court of chancery to hear and decide all cases in equity.

[13]A 1741 law regulating the issuance of marriage licenses was in force at this time. The governor's fee for each license amounted to twenty shillings.

[14]There were four methods of appointing colonial officials, and all required that certain documents be recorded in one or more offices in England. Tryon's term, "passing the offices," refers to this action.

[15]"That on which one places one's reliance when everything else has failed." A sheet-anchor was always the largest of a ship's anchors and was used only in an emergency. *Oxford English Dictionary* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 12 vols., 1933), IX, 670.

[16]Tryon probably was referring to such popular monthly publications as the *Gentleman's Magazine*, the *London Magazine*, *Monthly Review*, and others of the same sort.

[17]This perhaps is Beaumont Hotham (1737-1814), a member of the bar then practicing in the chancery courts.

[18]Leland has not been identified.

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Seated center: EDWARD "NED" SHERLEY born 1821 Tennessee and wife Elizabeth, older gentleman may be her father. Children standing: Burton, Hannah, Ola, Susan and Jane (order not known). Is Edward a brother of Thomas P. Shirley featured on cover of the last issue of the Shirley NEWS? Both living in 1850 census of Cape Girardeau County Missouri as is Frances Shirley widow of John of White Co. Tennessee. (See p.3 paragraph 6 of this issue of NEWS)
Picture sent by Sandy Hines.

FOLLOW UP ON THE SCHALLY/SHALLY ARTICLE IN SUMMER 1991 ISSUE OF SHIRLEY NEWS page 10!

From your editor...

I have been studying and working on this project for several days. I will attempt to write a summary of my study for the purpose of exposing some possible connections that could be enlightening for those who are working on these four branches of the Shirleys. I would encourage you to do some further study of your own.

On page 10 of the Summer 1991 issue of the Shirley NEWS, we asked if it were possible that **Valentine,** (wife Catherine Baer), **Michael,** (wife Katy Franz), **Peter,** (great grandfather of Belle Starr), **Luke,** (of Greene Co. Tennessee), were the children of **Carl Shalle** born 1700 Palatinate Germany. He arrived on the "Robert and Alice" in 1739 from Germany and lived in Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania. He had five sons, Johann **Michael** born 1732 Germany, **Lucas** born 1736 Germany, Johan **Adam** born 1739 Germany, Johann **Peter** born 1741 Lancaster County Pennsylvania, and Johann **Valentine** born 1743 Lancaster County Pennsylvania.

I have been studying the early Valentine Shirley info, paying close attention to the wife, Catherine Baer's, family. Her parents were Jacob Bar Jr., born Nov 15, 1724 Bern Switzerland and *Ann Barbara Mueller*. They moved to Rockingham County Virginia and Jacob was an elder in the Reformed church in Elkton, (Rockingham Co.), VA.

Jacob Bar Jr. was the son of Jacob Bar, Sr. born 1683 Hausen Switzerland. His brother, Hansely Bar b. 1682 Hausen was living in 1709 in Palatinate. Another brother, Hans Jagely Bar b. 1677 Hausen died in 1759 Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania.

Ann Barbara Mueller was the daughter of Adam Mueller born Nov. 17, 1703 Schreisheim Germany and he died Elkton, Rockingham County Virginia in 1783. He lived briefly in Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania before moving to VA.

Note: Carl Shally was born in Palatinate and the Bar/Baer family was there also and both are found in Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania.

In past issues of the Shirley NEWS we have already mentioned a possible relationship between Valentine, Peter and Michael Shirley. The three families lived in Augusta County Virginia in the latter 1700's. Michael and Peter went to Kentucky. Land was sold by one of Michael's children to one of Peter's children in Madison County Kentucky where they both lived.

In 1797 a suit was filed against Peter Scholley of Augusta Co. VA about ownership of a bay mare. The depositions in this suit show a Sally Argenbright living in Peter's house. Valentine's sister-in-law, Ann Baer, married George Argenbright and they had a daughter Sally who married George Ehrman in Rockingham Co. Va in 1802.

The wife of Michael Shirley was Katherine (Katy) Franz of Swiss

descent. Their grandson, George A.T, Shirley married Cornelia Baer, niece of the wife of Valentine Shirley.

I cannot give any proof that Valentine, Michael and Peter are related, but the circumstantial evidence suggests it.

Now...let's look at Lookabe (Lucas?) Shirley of Greene County Tennessee. His will is written under the name of Lookabe Shawley in 1792. He appears to have come from Pennsylvania as his son, George, was born in Pennsylvania and the family spoke German according to the descendants. Lookabe Shawley also had a son Adam. I said sometime ago that the name Adam suggested to me a relationship to the Valentine line since Valentine had a son Adam and this was the only early mention of this name that I knew of in the Shirley family. I also said that in Augusta Co. VA there was an Adam who I thought was to old to be Valentine's son, Adam, and mentioned that perhaps he was Valentine's brother. Carl Shally did have a son Adam. So, it could be this is the Adam if Carl is Valentine's father.

Valentine's son, John Shirley, lived in Grainger County Tennessee which is only a county away from Greene County.

Now to follow these Shirleys/Shallys alittle further...Adam Shirley son of Lookabe Shawley of Greene Co. Tennessee was the father of Martha Shirley who married Jacob Barnhart. (Barnhart came from Germany to PA then to Tennessee and Jacob's mother was a Huber/Hoover and they were also from Germany to PA to TN and a name connected to the Baer name in PA). Martha Shirley Barnhart and her father, Adam Shirley, moved to Miller County Missouri.

According to a letter from one of our former members, her ancestor was Frances Shirley, a widow, who married John J. Jarrett. (Frances was the widow of John Shirley of White County Tennessee). She wrote that the Jarretts were neighbors of Martha Barnhart in the 1860 census of Miller Co. Missouri. (Could there be a relationship between the Shirleys of White County Tennessee and those of Greene County Tennessee?). Frances Shirley's maiden name was MEADOWS. She lists her birthplace as South Carolina. We find the Shirley and Meadows names appearing together in Spartanburg Co. SC. (see Fall 1990 issue of the Shirley NEWS page 6 & 7).

Another connection that I should add in here comes from the April/May 1987 Shirley NEWS page 3, SWAFFORD AND SHIRLEYS OF TENNESSEE. Aaron Swafford born 1812 married Elizabeth Shirley. In 1840 they are to be found in Bledsoe County Tennessee and by 1860 they are in Miller County Missouri. Aaron's brother, James C. Swafford married Marie Ellen Shirley. They are living in Bledsoe Co. TN in 1850, moved to White Co. Tennessee where they lived until the early part of the Civil War, and then they moved to Ray County Missouri.

Michael and Katy Franz Shirley had a son, George who was born in 1770, living in Cooper County Missouri in the 1850 census as is Frederic Shirley born 1785 who is the son of Lookabe Shawley of Greene County Tennessee.

I have been studying the people of Switzerland and Germany who came to Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1700's. I have talked

to those whom I consider to be very knowledgeable about these areas and I have been reading several books so that I may get a real feel for these people, their movements and relationships. I feel very strong that the 4 branches of the Shirleys are really those listed above and are Shally, Schally etc. It has taken alot for me to say this. I have not arrived at this statement without alot of study and thought. But the truth is what we are after! We would have it no other way. The circumstantial evidence and family connections are there. It cannot be denied and must be taken into consideration as you work these lines of Shirleys.

I have learned quite a bit about the Swiss coming into Germany and the reasons etc. in the early 1700's. Some came direct from Switzerland to Pennsylvania while others went to Germany first and then to Pennsylvania. I recommend getting some books and learning about this if you descend from one of the 4 branches mentioned above.

To our International members... I realize you may have difficulty following this, but a large number of Shirley Association members descend from these 4 Shirleys. The reason for this kind of an article is to point out possible connections since we can produce no proof. These families have been researched for years. Records have been difficult to find. With this information about the possibility of these four branches of Shirleys being from Germany with a spelling of Shally and variant similar spellings, they appear to have a connection. Certainly it is worth alittle time and space if it would help those researching these lines, to find the truth as to their own ancestry. It could even be that it would involve other branches of early Shirleys as well.

The question in my mind is, if these people are Shally etc., are they **not** Shirleys, or... are they Shirleys from England originally who went to Germany to live at some point of time in history?

Editors commentary using census records, material sent by Gere Fletcher including copies she sent of articles written by Jean Best on the Bar/Baer families, and material from past issues of the NEWS where the credits are given.

If you have any comments or further information to share with us about this, we would really appreciate hearing from you.

I have some space here so I'll add some info I've been learning from the books I've just read. The persecuted Mennonites of Zurich were invited to Alsace and Kraichgau about 1648. In 1662 they were granted freedom of worship, but were charged a head tax. By Treaty of Ryswick (1697) their privileges began to dwindle and taxes soar by 1706. By 1710 relief was sought from Holland and the Mennonites re-emigrated this time to Groningenm, Sappemeer and Kampen, Holland and the first settlement in Lancaster County Pennsylvania followed. [This was the Pfalz that was the bridge of the founding fathers of Lancaster County PA from Switzerland to America]. In 1716 Karl Philip took over and the exodus from the Pfalz really began in earnest. There were 30,000 Palatines in America within six decades.

REPORT ON THE ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS TRIP!

Barbara and I flew from San Jose California Thursday October 3, at 6:30 AM and arrived in Dallas Texas at noon. We drove a rented car to Little Rock Arkansas for the Shirley meeting the next day which was Friday. Following the meeting, we drove to Oklahoma City for a meeting on Saturday. We got caught in a storm for a brief time, but made it by 1 AM. It was hard to get up that morning, but we did it anyway. Following that meeting we left for Dallas and arrived Saturday evening and stayed with one of our Shirley Association members who went to England with us in 1986. On Sunday, we had another meeting and the next morning we flew home to San Jose, arriving about noon.

Yes, it was a fast trip, and we enjoyed meeting each and everyone of those who attended the meetings. We always meet new people, members whom we have never met and it is nice to see those whom we **have** met before. We appreciate the family info and photos you bring. Thank you for coming! If you were unable to attend, we hope we will meet you another time.

While we were in the Dallas Texas area, I decided that I wanted to try and locate SCYENE as this is where Belle Starr and her family lived when they left Missouri in about 1864.

What we learned is, the old school house no longer stands and there is nothing other than the name of the road named Scyene. We asked in the local city offices about a town of Scyene and most were very surprised to learn their area had been a town by another name. Eventually we found the exact location and talked to a lady who lived about 5 houses from where the old school house had stood. She was in her 80's and had lived here all of her life. She said her grandparents had been acquainted with the Shirleys and showed us where the house had been. It is bare land in an industrial area now.

We did not have time to see if we could find where Belle Starrs father, John Shirley is buried. It would be nice if somebody living in the area could spend a little research time on this for us!

This concludes my report on the October trip! My next planned trip will be to England in 1992. **Would you like to go to England with me this summer?** We have had a good reply to our invitation to go to England and have put together a plan that I hope will please everyone who is interested in going.

Please find the England tour schedule enclosed. Perhaps you can let other family members know as they just might enjoy a trip to the early Shirley ancestral homes as well as visiting England. This is a **family** trip and not like any tour you would book from your travel agent.

It's been great fun talking by phone to our friends at Isfield Village, Shirley Village and Chartley Castle, etc. They have all expressed how delighted they are to hear we are coming back for another visit. I have heard from some of the Shirleys who have met us at various places on previous trips and they are planning to be with us again, too! PACK YOUR BAGS, LET'S GO!

BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY SHIRLEYS IN INDIANA

[Martin Shirley son of Thomas and Hannah Dale Shirley, son of Thomas and Mollie Grubbs Shirley]. See p. 11 April 1984 NEWS.

Martin Shirley was born Aug 20, 1811 in Kentucky. He was living in Hendricks County Indiana in the 1850 census. Martin was married three times. His sons were: **Levi**, William T. and Elijah.

Levi Shirley was born about 1844 and died in 1929. He was married 4 times. The following article is about his son, Benjamin Thomas Shirley born in 1866.

BENJAMIN AND ARMINTA SHIRLEY FAMILY. **Front Row:** Arminta Bell (Smith) Shirley, Levi (Pete) Harold, Beulah, Maxine, and Benjamin Thomas Shirley. **Behind Chair:** Charles Edward. **Middle Row:** Carrah Opal, Rayburn Harley, Clara Ona, Bert Willis. **Back Row:** Nancy Margaret, Carl Clyde, Minnie Agnus, 1918.

BENJAMIN AND ARMINTA SHIRLEY

Benjamin Thomas Shirley (1/10/1866-12/26/1954) was born to Levi (1844-9/8/1929) and Nancy A. (Smith) Shirley (died 1866). Benjamin married Arminta Bell (Smith) 9/18/1886. His occupation was farming practically his entire life in Boone Co. and about two years in Orange Co. Ind.

The old-fashioned family is not altogether a thing of the past. The photo is of Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Shirley, of Harrison Twp. and their ten children whose ages range from three to thirty. This photo was in the Lebanon Pioneer, March 7, 1918. Mrs. Shirley says to the Pioneer that she is mighty proud of her family, notwithstanding the fact that the bearing and rearing of ten children has meant much hardship and sacrifice, that she had not been able in her own strength, but has leaned heavily on the grace of God.

The ten children, five boys and five girls, were born in a log cabin on 40 acres. The youngest was one year old when they built and moved in the new

BENJAMIN AND ARMINTA SHIRLEY FAMILY. **Front Row:** Levi (Pete) Shirley, Opal (Shirley) Yost, Benjamin Shirley, Arminta Shirley, Bert Shirley, Beulah (Shirley) Baker. **Back Row:** Carl Shirley, Margaret (Shirley) Nunnally, Edward Shirley, Ona (Shirley) Bradley, Rev. Harley Shirley, Minnie (Shirley) Dillon, c/a 1938-39.

house. The log cabin was moved up to the road and used as a barn. The house is still standing in good repair but the barn is gone.

The ten children are Bert, Harley, Opal, Ona, Carl, Nancy Margaret (my mother), Minnie, Edward, Beulah, Levi (Pete).

Arminta Bell Smith was the daughter of Jacob T. and Margaret Ellen Smith. She was born two miles northeast of Fayette, Ind., Jan. 18, 1870. They belonged to the Regular Baptist Church at Fayette. Benjamin was born on the site of the store that stood at Shepherdsville, Ind., Perry Twp. They are both buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery at Fayette. They lived to have a 50th wedding anniversary in their home. They had 48 grandchildren living. *Submitted by Mrs. Ralph Kouns*

JOHN AND GERTRUDE SHIRLEY

I, Gertrude (West) Shirley, was born in Lebanon, IN on Aug. 30, 1906, the daughter of Arthur West (4-26-1876/11-26-1949) and Florence Ann (Hedge) West (11-1-1868/2-27-10-43). On November 24, 1923 I married John B. Shirley (4-28-1904/11-14-1958) son of Thomas and Mary Belle (Huffman) Shirley. We had six children, all born in Lebanon. They are Albert Lee (11-29-1924), Florence Belle (9-2-26), Everett Eugene (9-10-28), Marjorie Ann (5-16-30/10-11-31), Mary Lou (3-13-32) and Wilma Jane (4-3-38).

LEVI AND MABLE SHIRLEY

Levi was the 10th child of Benjamin (1-10-1866/12-26-54) and Arminta Belle Smith Shirley (1-18-1870-1941). He was born 4 miles west of Fayette, Harrison Township in a log cabin on farm formerly cleared and owned by his grandfather Levi Shirley. He lived there until the age of two, when his father built a home on the north end of the farm. He had 4 brothers and 5 sisters. They are Bert, Carl, Harley, Edward, Ona Bradley, Opal Yost, Margaret Nunnally, Beulah Baker and Minnie Dillon. Of the family Minnie, Beulah and Levi remain. He went to school at No. 6, 7, 8 and graduated from Pinnell with the class of 1933. He spent 1 year in CCC Camp at Henryville, In. It was hard for a young person, as it was the depression years. On May 10, 1937 he was married to Mable Marie Huckleberry, daughter of Alva and Nola Harvey Huckleberry at the home of Rev. Ernest Essex. They lived with Levi's parents until the following March. Their first home was in Pittsboro. When Levi's mother died in 1941, they returned to his father's home. He worked for W.J. Holliday Steel for 8 years. He moved to Wisconsin, where he had purchased a farm in 1949. Levi retired in 1974 and Mable in 1978. They are the parents of Margo Rosalie (7-13-38), Carolyn Sue (9-22-40), Peter Micheal (7-8-43), Patsy Anne (4-25-47), Marea Kathleen (8-18-52) and Sheri Leanne (2-22-58).

They are the proud grandparents of 19 grandchildren. *Submitted by Mable Shirley*

Levi and Mable Shirley

FROM YOUR EDITOR....

Jonathon Coady Rodebaugh
born Nov 13, 1991

Well, here he is... my new grandson! He is doing great. We see him everyday and love watching him as he grows and learns new things...

The Shirley-Eustis House, Roxbury, Massachusetts

BY JOHN BRADFORD HERMANSON

Between 1746 and 1747, William Shirley (Pl. III), the royal governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, built a country house on thirty-three acres in bucolic Roxbury, an hour's ride out across Boston Neck from his official residence in the port of Boston.[1] Peter Harrison (1716–1775) of Newport, Rhode Island, sometimes called "the first American architect," designed Shirley's church, King's Chapel, and may have had a hand in the design of Shirley's house as well.[2] The engraving of 1776 in Plate I shows the house on a knoll overlooking South Bay, an inlet of Boston Harbor now mostly filled in. A sketch in Ezra Stiles's diary done in 1763 (Fig. 2) gives additional details about the front, or west, façade: five bays are separated by four pairs of monumental Doric pilasters and two single pilasters flank the rusticated front entrance. On the garden, or east, side, four single pilasters divide the façade into three equal parts, the central section composed of a two-story Palladian window over a door that opens into the great hall (see Pl. XIV). The pilasters on both façades were originally capped by a Doric frieze (since removed) surmounted by a balustraded hipped roof with a hexagonal cupola. The original pennant-shaped weather vane, now replaced by a replica, is in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. On two sides of the house were formal gardens, terraces, and water gardens in the William and Mary style.[3]

After he was made governor of the Bahamas in 1761, Shirley sold his Roxbury house to his son-in-law Eliakim Hutchinson, but he returned in 1769 to live out his last two years in a house which was no longer his in a world that was no longer his either. "Where the devil this brace of Adamses came from I know not," he complained.[4]

The old Georgian mansion was remodeled during the Federal period, probably first by Giles Alexander (1751–1816), the wealthy owner of Long Wharf in Boston, just prior to his short-lived marriage to Susannah Fowle in 1797. A handsome staircase was constructed in the great hall (Pl. XIV) up to what had been a free-standing musicians' gallery in Shirley's time. The string inlay on the banisters may be the work of Giles's brother, the cabinetmaker William Alexander, or one of William's sons, James or Giles.[5]

Pl. I. **A View of Boston taken on the Road to Dorchester,** *by James Newton (1748–1804) after a watercolor by William Pierrie (w. 1768–1776), published by J. F. W. Des Barres in* Atlantic Neptune, *London, 1776. Hand-colored engraving, 21⅞ by 28 inches. The Shirley-Eustis House is in the left middle ground.*

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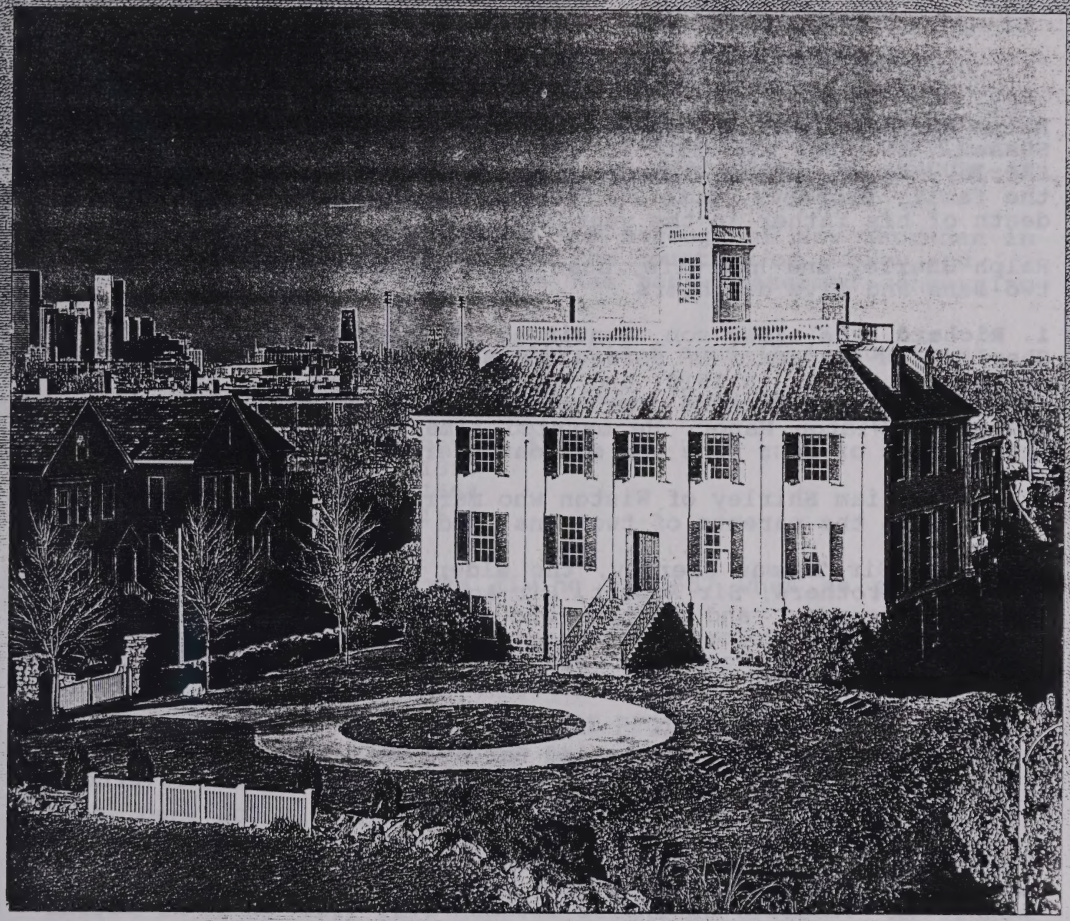
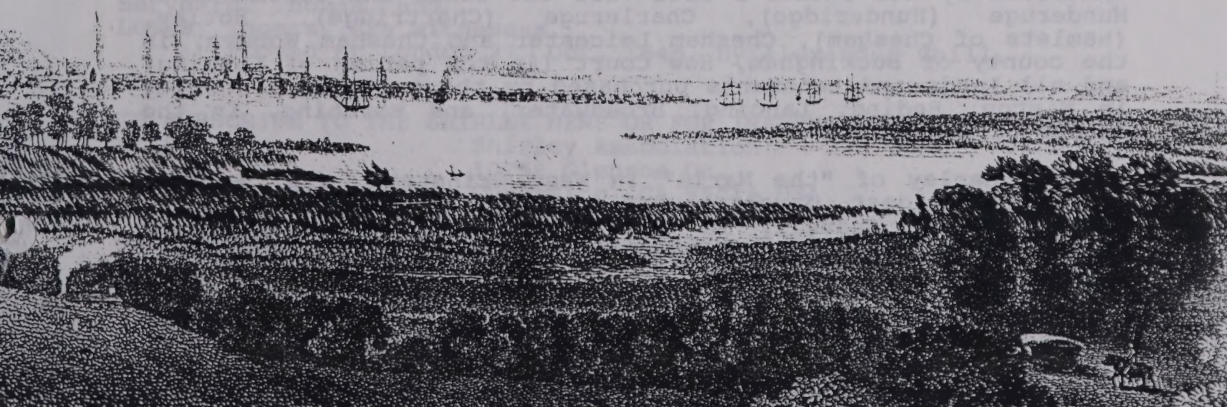


Pls. II, IIa. Shirley-Eustis House, Roxbury, Massachusetts, built for William Shirley (1694–1771) in 1746–1747, remodeled in the Federal period, and owned between 1819 and 1865 by William (1753–1825) and Caroline Langdon Eustis (1780–1865). Except as noted, color photographs are by Peter Aaron/Esto.



RALPH SHERLEY, ESQ. OF WISTON IN SUSSEX ENGLAND

Ralph Sherley, Esq. of Wiston was the founder of the Sherleys in Sussex. He was the son of Ralph Sherley of Ettington and Shirley, by Elizabeth Blount, his second wife. He succeeded to the family property, both in Sussex and Buckinghamshire, on the death of his father in the year 1466.

Ralph Sherley and his wife, Joan Bellingham were the parents of two sons and five daughters.

1. Richard, the elder son, continued the direct descent of the Sherleys of Sussex. He served as Shefiff of the counties of Surrey and Sussex in 1515, and again in 1525. He died about 1540 and part of Sir Richard Sherley's monument can be seen in the Chapel at Wiston Manor. He married Alma Shelley and they were the parents of four sons and six daughters.

(1) William Shirley of Wiston who married Mary Isley and they were the parents of two sons (and one daughter).

A. Sir Thomas Sherley, the elder ...father of the three brothers, Sir Robert, Sir Anthony and Sir Thomas the Younger, and Cecilia who married Lord Delaware West (first Colonal Governor of Virginia), and Jane who married John Shurley of Isfield Village (John Shurley's brother, George, being Lord Chief Justice of Ireland).

B. Anthony Sherley married Barbara Walsingham. They lived at PRESTON MANOR in Sussex. (Ancestor of Governor William Shirley of Massachusetts).

(2) Thomas (nothing known)
(3) Edward (same)
(4) Richard (same)

2. Thomas Sherley of West Grinstead

SHERLEYS OF WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX ENGLAND

The founder of the West Grinstead branch of the family was **Thomas Sherley**, second son of **Ralph Sherley of Wiston**, who inherited by his father's will "all the lands and tenements in Hunderuge (Hunderidge), Charleruge (Chartridge), Botley, (Hamlets of Chesham), Chesham Leicester and Chesham Woburn, in the county of Buckingham, How Court (in the parish of Lancing) and all lands and tenements purchased by the said Ralph Sherley in Wiston, Beding, Lancing, Broadwater, and Worthing, in the county of Sussex."

Thomas Sherley of "the Marle" in West Grinstead, esq. married Elizabeth, eldest daughter and coheir of Marmaduke Gorge, Gorges, alias Russell, of **Horsington**, South Cheriton, and Hatherley in the parish of Maperton, in the **county of Somerset.**

They had two sons (& six daughters)

1. Francis Sherley, esq. Lord of the Manor of West Grinstead, died in March, 1577, "seized of Bodington, Howe Court, and West Grinstead in Sussex, and of **Hatherley, in county of Somerset.**

   In 1555, Francis represented the borough of New Shoreham in Parliament, and was sheriff of the counties of Surrey and Sussex in 1574. Little else has been preserved concerning him.

   He married Barbara Blount. They had 5 sons (& 4 daughters)

   (1) Thomas 1555 will proved 1607 (last male heir of this family).
   (2) Richard 1558 d. before 1564
   (3) Francis d. 1559
   (4) William d. 1568
   (5) Richard d. 1614

2. William, **NO INFO!** (was living in 1557 when he proved his mother's will).

Info taken from Stemmata Shirleiana

FROM THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON

P.C.C 140 Twisse.

1636, Dec. 20,

Beard, William, in his will names "my estate here in Virginia"; "my poor dear sister in Rye, Dorothy Beard." Towards a new church in James City five hundred weight of tobacco. "My wicked wife Margaret."
Chill, Mr. Alexander, merchant at Billingsgate in London, executor.
Crowe, Thomas, estate of.
Docke . . . my sister in Rye.
Kempe, Mr., the King's secretarie, "my nest of boxes."
Mones, Lawrence, Joves and Ellizabeth.
Barker, Mr. William.
Swan, Mr. William
Sherly, Mr. Edward, to be overseers.
Baryhard, Thomas, and
Locke, Thomas, are witnesses
Proved at London 27, Oct. 1646, by Alexander Chill.

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SHIRLEY PATENTS

The following patents were applied for in Great Britain by Shirleys during the period 1617 to 1900, the latter date being the last index checked.

2839/1861 **Daniel Hartwell Shirley** of Boston USA
Improvements in the construction of dinner plates

2841/1861 **Daniel Hartwell Shirley** of Boston USA
Improvements in skates

4871/1877 **William Shirley** of Newington Causeway, Surrey
An improved device for guiding and holding or retaining the cords used for raising and lowering venetian and other blinds

1947/1878 **William Shirley** of Newington Causeway, Surrey
An improved device for securing or retaining the cords of venetian and other blinds

6717/1885 **S. Shirley** and J.W. Nettleton
AB/Void Legging or gaiter

7600/1885 **S. Shirley**
AB/Void Commodes

8023/1886 **Frederick Stacey Shirley** of Bedford, Bristol County, State of Massachusetts, USA
Improvements in the manufacture of glass and articles therefrom

10850/1887 **A.J. Shirley**
AB/Void Switch for electric lighting circuits

4090/1888 **A.W. Shirley**
AB/Void Stopper for poison, etc. bottles

13189/1890 **Arthur William Shirley** of 55 Farrington Rd., London, E.C.
AB/Void Menthol plasters or leaves

16614/1890 **A.W. Shirley** and another
AB/Void Applying embrocations etc.

1111/1892 **A.W. Shirley**
Holder for menthol, etc.

199764/1892 **Arthur William Shirley** of 55 Farrington Rd., London E.C. and Edgar Horst, 3 Ellen Cottages, Huddlestone Rd., Forest Gate. Druggists'
Corrugated teething ring and baby soother

23252/1892 **F. Shirley**
AB/Void Window sash fasteners

23253/1893 **F. Shirley**
AB/Void Shoeing horses **[continued next issue]**

[AB=Abandoned]

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Shirley House

THE WHITE HOUSE, VICKSBURG MISSISSIPPI

Known to Union troops simply as "the white house" the Shirley House was owned by a family of the name and is the only wartime structure still surviving in the park. Why the Confederates did not destroy it has always been a mystery. It served as headquarters for the 45th Illinois infantry, one of the Federal units deployed there. Bombproof shelters were constructed to protect troops against enemy artillery fire--a tactic used by both sides.

Mrs. Shirley and her 15 year old son Quincy were the only ones at home when the house was caught in the cross-fire. Mr. Shirley had gone to Clinton to bring his daughter home from school. Mrs. Shirley and two house servants sat in a chimney corner where they were somewhat protected while the war went on around them. After three days, Mrs. Shirley moved to a cave in the side of a hill in the Valley some distance behind the house and then to a Negro cabin that served as temporary shelter.

On January 1, 1851, James Shirley bought the house and grounds from Mr. Ben Johnson in Vicksburg Mississippi. James was a native of Goffstown, New Hampshire and is descended from James Shirley who came from Ireland to New Hampshire, (lineage given in the following article).

James graduated from Dartmouth College, read law at Albany New York and soon left for Augusta Georgia where he was in charge of an academy. He bagan his practice in Florence Alabama and persued it in Huntsville Alabama. He finally settled in Vicksburg Mississippi. The townes people referred to him as "Judge Shirley".

He married twice. His first wife was Harriet Walsworth and they had one son, **James Jay**. His second wife was Adeline Quincy of Boston Massachusetts and their children were: **Alice**, **Quincy** and **Frederick**.

During the seige at Vicksburg, Akuce stayed in Clinton with her sister-in-law and Qunicy remained with his parents at the Shirley house. No mention was made as to Frederick's whereabouts during this period.

James Shirley's character was unblemished, his loyalty to the Union uncompromising.

It was his plantation that the interview occurred between General Grant and General Pomberton which lead to the surrender of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863.

The entrenchments ran through his fron yard and his house was destroyed. General Grant gave him possession of the house of a Confederate.

After the surrender of Vicksburg a great many claimed to have been loyal and General Grant referred their cases to Mr. Shirley. He servived the siege but a few days, however his wife lived several years longer. Both are buried behind the house in Vicksburg National Military Park.

General Grant was the commander of more than 50,000 men in the Yankee Army whose sole object at the time was to wrest control of the Mississippi from the bays in Gray.

The key to strategy of both was Vicksburg. As long as that city of 5,000 (then) stayed in the hands of the Confederates, the CSA had a slim chance. Food and other supplies, plus military replacements could flow into the Confederacy from its Western third.

If Vicksburg changed hands all would be lost. The Yankees could use the fortress city to control the river and choke off supplies. On July 4, 1863, the day after Picketts charge at Gettysburg failed, Vicksburg fell.

It was a bloody six weeks from May to July. Union casualties totaled 10,000, consisting of 1500 dead, 7500 wounded and 1000 missing. Gray losses were 9000 of which 1400 died, 3800 wounded and 3800 missing.

IRELAND - NEW HAMPSHIRE SHIRLEYS

James Shirley born about 1649 came from Ireland to America about 1730 at an advanced age and settled in Chester, New Hampshire. He was 105 years old when he died. James was first married to Mary Wilson and Anna ___ was his second wife.
He was the father of 8 sons...

1. John 1688 Ireland d. 1768 Chester New Hampshire
   m. 1st Janet Glenn 2nd Mary Miller (widow)

   (1) Ann 1716 Ireland m. Robert Wilson
   (2) James 1718 Ireland d. 1749 Boston, Massachusetts
   m. ____

   A. James

   (3) Mary 1720 Ireland m. James Wilson
   (4) Martha 1722 m. Alexander Gilchrist
   (5) John 1724 died Aug 22, 1773. He was a butcher & victualer. He married Mehitable Williams.

   A. John May 5, 1761 Roxbury Massachusetts
   He was dismissed from the church at Barre, to Northampton Co. Pa Aug 1783. He married Hannah Trapp.

   (a) Susanna 1789 Bucks Co. PA m. Simon Meyers
   (b) John
   (c) Robert 1796 m. Hannah Houser
   (d) Frances 1800 m. Samuel Warner
   (e) Hanna 1801 Hamilton PA
   (f) Veronica 1801 (twins)
   (g) David 1803 Hamilton PA

   B. Robert June 20, 1763 same, d. 1780 Barre Mass.
   C. David April 8, 1765 same, d. 1783 Barre Mass.
   D. Mehitable 1767 d. 1773 Roxbury Mass.
   E. Barbara 1770 d 1773 Roxbury Mass.

   (6) Jane 1726 m. Robert McMurphy
   (7) Deacon Thomas 1728 d. 1808 Goffstown New Hampshire
   m. Margaret Shirley (dau. of Capt. James Shirley)

   A. Jane m. Robert Patten
   B. Polly m. Robert Gilchrist
   C. James 1759 d. Mar 31, 1855
   m. 1st Mary Moore (dau of Col. Daniel Moore and Nancy Cox) m. 2nd Abigail Colby McCutchins

   (a) Nancy 1784 d. Dec 12, 1818 m. Joshua Vose
   (b) Jane 1785 d. Dec 9, 1865 m. Wm. McKinney (they lived Newburg, Indiana)
   (c) Thomas 1789 d. May 13, 1834 Satartia Mississippi. (He went South to teach).
   (d) Daniel Moore 1791 d. Aug 23, 1855 m. Jane Moore (dau of Robert and Janet Rolfe Moore). He kept tavern one year (1825), moved to Shirley Hill where he did an extensive business in farming & butchering.

1. Robert Moore 1819 d. 1883 m. Margaret Dodge
2. Joseph 1821 d. 1825
3. Nancy 1823 m. Gilman Shirley
4. Mary Jane 1826 m. Ephraim Heald
5. Joseph 1831 m. Nellie Niles
6. Harriett 1835 m. Sylvanus D. Johnson
7. Daniel 1838 m. DeEtte Sackett
8. Horace 1841 d. 1863 Drowned in Vermillion Bayou in Louisiana.

(e) James 1794 d. 1863 m. 1st Harriet Walsworth and 2nd Andeline Quincy.
[SEE STORY AND PHOTO]

(f) John 1797 d. Oct 20, 1886 m. Margaret Houston They lived at Suspension Bridge New York for awhile. In 1832 they were living Melbourne Canada.

1. Alfred 1819 Bedford NH m. Jane Woodbury
2. James 1821 d. 1824
3. Gilman 1823 d. 1864 m. Nancy Shirley. They were living in Essex County Mass. in 1850 census.
4. John 1825 d. 1885 m. Susan Parker. Living in Essex County Massachusetts in 1850 census.
5. Maria 1827 d. 1886
6. Mary Jane 1829 d. 1831
7. Mary Jane 1832 Melbourne Canada
8. William Thomas 1834 Canada
9. Sarah Caroline 1836 d. 1869
10. Margaret 1840 Canada

(g) Gilman 1799 d. Aug 18, 1822 Franklin Co. Alabama, unmarried.
(h) William 1802 d. Aug 25, 1824 Franklin Co. Alabama
(i) Robert Moore 1808 d. 1889 m. 1st Sophia McCutchins and 2nd Lucretia Houston. (They had a son, James Quincy who went to Portland Oregon. He died there in 1895).

(8) Daniel 1730 He went to West Chester, now Hill NH.

2. James 1690 Ireland d. 1700
3. Thomas 1692 Ireland d. 1701
4. Hugh 1694 Ireland
5. Robert 1696
6. Henry 1698. In 1733 he went from Boston Massachusetts to Jamaica in the Brigatine SARAH.
7. James 1700 d. 1796 Chester, New Hampshire
m. Janet Shirley in 1726 Ireland. They first lived in Brookline Massachusetts and in 1734 moved to Chester, NH

(1) James
(2) Margaret m. Deacon Thomas Shirley (son of John)
(3) Agnes m. John McNair
(4) John 1735 Chester New Hampshire d. 1826 Warren County Pennsylvania m. Hannah Stevens
[SEE STORY] (**We NEED names of all nine children)**
(5) Hugh
(6) William m. Mary Morrison

8. Thomas 1710 d. 1776 m.____

(1) John
(2) Samuel Dec 25, 1798 d. Jan 7, 1832 at his son John's home m. 1st Margaret Graham, 2nd Anna Dearborn 3rd Eliza McDuffie. After having been an extensive business man in that part of Chester which is now Auburn, owning mills at the upper end of Massabesic Lake, building the first grist mill at Auburn Village, carrying on large lumber operations with Haverhill, Newburyport, etc., and running a well known country hotel at Auburn, he became the victim of unjust litigation, which he fought against till his property was much reduced. He then moved to Sanbornton with his oldest son and most of his other children in 1801. He lived first in Northfield then for three years, 1802-05 in what is now Franklin, and finally at Union Bridge where he became known as the "reed maker"

A. Ann 1775 m. Daniel McDuffie
B. Mary 1777 m. Alexander Donovan
C. John 1779 d. 1780
D. John May 25, 1781 m. 1st Martha Gibson d. 1816 m. 2nd Joanna Gale in 1819. She had been a teacher for several years before marriage. They lived at Union Bridge and a few years in Boston Mass. (4 children)
E. Elizabeth 1783 m. Caleb H. Gibson
F. James Aug 23, 1787 d. 1851 m. Ann Leamons
He was a grocer in Boston; then a merchant and hotel keeper in New York City, being there during the yellow fever and cholera excitement of 1832, and having freat success as a nurse of the sick, His own health (always feeble) finally gave way and he moved to Mattituck, Long Island, but rallied again; there kept hotel and d. June 26, 1851.

(a) James William 1816 NY d 1823
(b) John 1818; was a leading politician and sheriff in Suffolk County NY; was a real-estate broker as was his son, John L., in NY.
(c) Martha Ann 1820 d. 1821
(d) Zebulon Leamons 1822; lived Brooklyn
(e) James William 1824
(f) Samuel 1827 d. 1830
(g) Martha Ann 1829 m. 1st William H. Wood, real estate broker in NY m. 2nd Mr. Terry
(h) Samuel 1832 NY; lived in Brooklyn
(i) Esther Elizabeth 1834 Mattituck m. John B. Terry

G. Margaret 1789 m. Withrop Watson (no children)
H. Sarah 1790 m. Jonathan Watson
I. Lucretia 1792 m. Christopher Moulton
J. Samuel 1794 d. Lowell Mass. (3 children)
K. William 1796 d. in South Boston Mass. (3 daughters)
L. Stephen Dearborn 1798; lived Union Bridge, was a tanner; moved to Littleon. (2 children)
M. Nancy

(3) Alexander
(4) James
(5) Thomas
(6) Anna

Daniel Shirley, the first son of John and Hannah (Stevens) Shirley, was born about 1761 in Chester, Rockingham County New Hampshire. He moved to Chautauqua County New York in 1826 and died Sept 4, 1831 in Warren County Pennsylvania. He served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting in Londonderry New Hampshire. He was placed on the Pension Rolls June 15, 1819 and transferred from New York to Pennsylvania Mar 4, 1826.

It is assumed Daniel is the father of Moses Shirley b. ca. 1800. He was listed as a single man on the tax rolls in Warren Co. Pa. He married Sarah Cogswell about 1825 and they lived for a time in Chautauqua County New York. It is further assumed they had a son Benjamin F. Shirley b. 1827 who was born in New York state, about the same time Moses lived in New York. Benjamin named his first son Moses.

Benamin F. Shirley 1827 d. Apr 4, 1907. He married Hannah H. Shirley. They are both buried in Warren County Pennsylvania.

1. Moses 1849
2. Emery 1851
3. James 1853
4. Albert 1855
5. Cynthia 1857
6. Richard 1862
7. **George Oct 18, 1865**
   m. Ada Harvey in NY
   [SEE PHOTO ON RIGHT]
   They lived Warren Co. PA

   (1) Ruth
   (2) Lela m. Ralph Thurston
   (Parents of Association member Bill Thurston)

8. Lillie 1867
9. Aletha 1871
10 Livingston 1872
11 Harry 1876
12 Alice 1877

Material for this article came from several sources. Members, books, etc. I will list the books but know I will not be complete in giving credit to those who have sent the copied pages from these books and the family data.

Bill Thurston, Bernice Hook, Alice Powers. History of Sanbornton (Genealogies--Shirley), History of Goffstown (NH). Ancestors of Guilford Solon Tingley.

GEORGE, ADA & dau. LELA

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF SIR JOHN SHURLEY KNIGHT, ISFIELD, SUSSEX ENGLAND

April 25, 1631

To be buried in Chancell in Isfield where my ancestors are buried.

To my nephew Robert Shurley, son and heir apparent of Sir George Shurley, Knight, Cheife Justice of the King's Bench in Ireland, goods and chattels in my manor house at Isfield. Refers to 12 musketts, corseletts etc. at Isfield in care of Robert Courthope. Refers to lease of years in lands of Somervile Aston, Gloucester, assigned to Thomas Pelham, Baronett, Robert Tracy, Knight, Anthony Stapley and my nephew Arthur Shurley to be sold to Sir William Somerville, Knight.

My nephews Arthur Shurley and Pelham Shurley sons of my said brother Sir George Shurley, and my other two nephews Thomas Shurley and Henry Shurley, two other sons of the said Sir George Shurley. My nephew Henry Carton Esq.

My five daughters now living and the daughter of my daughter Somerville now deceased. Refers to ward-shippe of the body and lands of William Somerville.

My grandchild son of and heir of Sir William Somerville, Knight deceased and Dame Cicely his wife.

Refers to advowson of the Parsonage of Steanning conveyed to Rt. Hon. George, Lord Goring, to be conveyed to my wife Dame Dorothie Shurley. My sister the Lady Garton. Sons and daughters of my sister Garton with exception of her son Henry.

To Mr. Attersall, minister of Isfield. To poor of Isfield.

Wife Dorothie to be sole and only executrix.

My kinsman and friends Lord Goring, Sir Thomas Pelham Baronett, Thomas Shurley of Preston the elder Esq., Anthony Stapley and Patcham Esq., and William Newton, the elder of Southover, Esq., to be overseers.

Witnesses: John Shurley, William Newton, John Panton, Roger Cobier, William Durrant.

Proved: May 30, 1631.

ABSTRACT WILL OF SIR GEORGE SHURLY, KNIGHT, CHIEF JUSTICE OF HIS MAJESTY'S COURT OF CHEIFE PLACE IN THE KINDOME OF IRELAND

FEBRUARY 8, 1646

My wife Mary, all and singular lands and tenements in England, house in Dublin called YONGE CASTLE.

Mentions goods and chattells in possession of Mr. John Wenden in the city of Chester.

After my wife's death to Arthur Shurly gent. my second son, and after his decease to my grandchildren, George Shirley my third son and his heirs.

Rest and remainder to wife, who is named sole executrix.

Witnesses: Mat. Doyle

Probate granted to Maria Shurly Dec 30, 1647

Admon. May 6, 1657 to Penelope Selwynne, executrix of Dame Shurly.

HEREFORD COUNTY SHIRLEYS

The Isfield Shurleys ancient family appear to have taken their name from the "Shurley" manor in the parish of Longen, near Presteign.

Richard Shurley, Clerk. Presented to rectory of "Penbrigge" in Hereford Co. in year Henry VIII (1509).

Thomas Shurley was appointed baliff of Netherwood, Hereford Co.

NOTE: Hugh Shirley, grandson of Ralph Shirley (d. 1466) and Margaret Staunton, lived in Stockton, Hereford Co.

YORK COUNTY ENGLAND SHIRLEYS

These Shirleys were originally from Shirley in Derby County. They settled here in Laughton around 1534 and appear to be merely yeoman.

Richard Shirle in his will dated Feb 4, 1613 says he is of Wickersley and is a yeoman.

Thomas Shirley m. Sarah Eyre in Laughton in 1616. Their son Thomas d. Aug 19, 1667. His gravestone WAS in the middle aisle of Wickersley church. (It is not there anymore). Their grandson, Thomas Wylde inherited most of the lands of Shirley and he died in 1756 at Wickersley.

DERBYSHIRE SHIRLEY FAMILY

Thomas Shirley Oct 25, 1838 Rowlack, Derby d. 1911 Beeston Notts. Co. m. Emma Adams.

1. Alfred July 17, 1762 Briston, Somerset Co.
2. George July 16, 1864 same
3. Clara July 14, 1865 same
4. William July 15, 1866 same m. Jenny Bassett
5. Walter Jan 21, 1868 Somerset Co. d. 1923 New York

6. John Feb 8, 1869 Bristol
7. Ralph Jan 13, 1870 d. 1953
8. Arthur Oct 18, 1871
9. Thomas Mar 29, 1873 d. 1939
10 Frank Aug 18, 1874
11 Edgar Apr 13, 1876 Chilwell, Derby Co.
12 Edith Nov 23, 1877
13 Samuel Feb 1 1880
14 Joseph Sept 22, 1881

PARISH OF MARSTON ON DOVE, DERBY COUNTY

Shirleys were here as early as 1658!

DORSET COUNTY

Bagbee, Parish of Sturminster Newton, The Shirleys have long been seated here. (36th Henry VIII),

The descendants of William Shirley of Bagbee acquired a fairly considerable estate now possessed by Mr. Shirley, Esq.

No pedigree appears for this family in the visitation book.

William Shirley died Sept 14, 1545 possessed of Backbere" and of this family was no doubt, William Shirley of Oxford, minister who died Aug 31, 1658 buried at Shapwick.

There are no sepulchral inscriptions for Shirleys at Bagbee nor are they noticed in the registers before 1690.

In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Kent Co. is a will preserved of Thomas Shirley of Clements Inn, gent. proved 1564/5. He was of this family as he mentions a lease of lands he held in Dorset County, kept in Castle of Sturminister Newton. His children were: Thomas, William, Nicholas and Joan.

HORSINGTON, SOMERSET COUNTY ENGLAND

(see 2nd Edition of Shirley NEWS International, page 4)

Thomas Shirley chr Jan 19, 1800 married Ann Hallett Feb 24, 1825 Horsington Parish. They left England June 15, 1841 in the ARAB and arrived in Wellington New Zealand with their seven children.

William Sharley and Ann Crouch, married in 1779, were the parents of Thomas. William was buried June 18, 1851.

Information given in the Horsington Census says William was born at Ringwood, Hampshire England. The Parish records of Ringwood read in the entry of 1772, "March ye 11th William of Thomas and Charity Sherly".

Horsington info sent by Anthony Walker of New Zealand.
Other info taken from Stemmata Shirleiana and research paid for by the Shirley Association.

LONDON SHIRLEY DIRECTORY

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS	YEAR
Alfed	Surgeon	30 Lower St Islington	1840
Alfred J	Gas engineer Electrician Metal worker	245 Cable st	1888
Alfred Robert	Hosier	88 High St Notting Hill	1879,81,88
Amelia (Miss)	Ladies school	2 College Pl Liverpool Rd	1865
Annie (Miss)	Bootmaker	17+18 Cranbourn st WC	1879,81
see also Louisa & Mary Anne (Mrs)			
Arkel	Baker	34 Aylesbury st Clerkenwell	1853,59
Benjamin	Boot & shoe warehouse	17 Blackfriars Rd	1836,40
Benjamin	Grocer	35 Wharfdale Rd Kings Cross	1871
Charles	Dyer	15 Cadogan St Chelsea	1859,65,71,79,8
Charles	Dyer	6 Keppel st Marlboro' Rd Chelsea	1853
Charles & Frederick	Linendraper	16 Felix Ter Liverpool Rd	1853
Edwin Francis	Coffee rooms	20 Old St Lukes	1879,81,88
Eliza (Mrs)	Dyer	32 Cadogan St Chelsea	1888
Emily (Mrs)	Stationer	98 North st Edgeware Rd	1888
Evelyn Philip	Trustee National Portrait Gallery		1881
Francis John	Bank clerk		1871,81
Frederick	Gas engineer	4 Chaur Ghur Rd	1865
Frederick		Devonport Arms Pr. Hotel	1881
Frederick & Son	Gasfitter	245 Cable st St Georges E.	1871
George	Plumber	7 Orchard Rd Bromley	1865
George	Printseller	37 Goswell st	1840,53,59
George	Beer retailer	29 Market Pl Borough Rd	1859
George	Laundry	37 Glebe st Kings Rd	1879,81,88
George	Piano tuner	634 Commercial Rd	1888
George	Lodging house	19 Torrington Sq	1888
H.J (J.H.)	China & Staffordshire warehouse	55 Gt. Mary Le Bon st	1809,1820
Henry	Dairyman	10 Coldharbour lane E. Brixton	1859
Henry W.	Livery stables	37 Whitehorse st Stepney E.	1871
Horatio Henry	Solicitor	24 Old Sq. Lincoln's Inn	1865
J.	Glass & china man	121 Shoreditch	1820
James	Lodging house	10 Maddox st Regent St	1888
James	Coal merchant	55 Ruby st	1881
James	Coal merchant	Old Kent Rd	1888
James	Beer retailer	21 Cotton st Poplar	1853
James Elliott	Timber merchant	(Bell, Shirley & Co.)	1865,71,79,81
James Henry	Accountant	9 Fulford pl. Southgate Rd	1859
James Henry	Accountant	67 Gresham st	1871,81,88
James Henry	London Society's School for the Blind		1865
John	Jeweller	148A Oxford st	1871
John	Goldbeater	45 Gee st Goswell st	1840
John	Goldbeater	24 Wilderness Row Clerkenwell	1853
John	Gasfitter	3 Back Rd St Georges	1853
John	Gasfitter	3 Chaur Ghur Row Back Rd St Georges	1859
John George	Pharmacist	High st Marylebone	1853
		1 Westbourne Grove	1859
		2 Westbourne Grove	1865,71,79,81
John George	Pharmacist	30 Paternoster Sq	1888

Joseph	Piano tuner	17 Ellesmere St Poplar	1879,81
Joseph	Grocer	140 Snowfields Bermondsley	1871
Joseph David	Provision dealer	7 James st Bethnal Green	1879
Lawrence	Distiller & hop merchant	89 Warwick lane	1820
Lewis Vincent	Solicitor		1879
Lionel Henry	Civil engineer	2 Storey Gate SW	1879,81
Louisa (Miss)	Bootmaker	16,17,18 Cranbourne st	1871
Lucas	Wine merchant	11 Lime st	1809,20
Mary & Son	Gasfitters	3+4 Chaur Ghur Row Back Rd	1865
Mary Anne (Mrs)	Beer retailer	5½ Anns Pl Whitmore Rd	1865
Mary Anne (Mrs)	Bootmaker	14½ St Martins court Leicester Sq and 18 Cranbourne st	1859,65
		15 St Martins crt	1853
Mary Anne (Mrs)	Dressmaker	125 Marylebone Rd	1879
Richard	Publisher		1888
Robert	Brewer	213 High st Poplar	1840
R	Carpet & Rug Mfr.	5 Packer's crt Colemans st	1836
Robert	Carpet Mfr	2 Bucklersbury	1820
Sam	Blackwell Hall factor	8 Basinghall st	1832,36,40
Sarah (Mrs)	Baker	34 Aylesbury Rd Clerkenwell	1865,71,79
Sarah (Mrs)	Milliner	49 Salisbury Sq Fleet st	1840
Sarah (Mrs)	Oil & colour warehouse	194 Great Dorset st SE	1879
Stephen	Temperance Hotel	37 Queen Sq	1865,71,79,81,88
Stephen	Perfumer	22 Princess st Edgeware Rd	1853
Thomas	Livery stables	16 Whitehorse st Stepney & 6 Waterlodd Tce Commercial Rd East	1850,53,59,65
Thomas	Coffee rooms	2 New Kent Rd	1853
Thomas	Grocer	Kingsland Green	1840,53,59
Thomas	Bootmaker	27 Appleby st Pearson st, Kingland Rd	1853
Thomas	Beer retailer	5½ Anns Pl Whitmore Rd Hoxton	1859
Thomas	Butcher	37 Duke st Grosvenor Sq	1840
Thomas	Whittington Private & Commercial HOtel 1A Little Queen st Hign Holborn		1865
Walter	2 Dr Johnsons Building	Temple	1879,81
Walter	4 Essex court	Temple	1888
William	Bootmaker	104 St John Rd Clerkenwell	1853
William	Chemist & druggist	20 Grosvenor Row Chelsea	1836
William Henry	Sherriff Law stationer		1853,59,65,71,79 1881,1888
William James	China & glass dealer	23 New st Covent Gdn	1859
Shirley & Peake	Glass & china merchants	32 Ely pl	1888

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SHIRLEY PATENTS [continued from last issue]

32/1893 AB/Void	**A.W. Shirley** Fly paper	
18367/1894 AB/Void	**A.W. Shirley** Powder puff box	
22566/1894 AB/Void	**A.J.W. Shirley** Music etc., cases	
21235/1895 AB/Void	**A.W. Shirley** Teats, rings, etc.	
27383/1896	**Arthur Shirley** of Camden House, Foleshill Rd., Coventry, in the County of Warwick, cycle manufacturer Improvements in soldering bits	
28513/1986	**A.W. Shirley** Teats for feeding bottles	
20597/1896	**William Shirley** of Camden House. Foleshill Rd. Coventry, in the County of Warwick, Manufacturer Improvements in cycle dress guard fitings	
9483/1897 AB/Void	**A. Shirley** and another Canisters	
29857/1897 AB/Void	**A.Shirley** and another Canisters	
3000/1898	**A.W. Shirley** Menthol cones	
26392/1898 Ab/Void	**A.W. Shirley** Menthol cones	
27439/1899 AB/Void	**A.W. Shirley** Teats	Info from. Elizabeth Estbergs of Australia

AB=Abandoned]

ENGLAND TRIP IN 1992

We would like to invite a few more people to go with us to England. We have about 20 who said they are going. We have room for another 15 people and I know you will have a great time!

I am looking forward to seeing our England friends again! We will be at Ettington Saturday, July 18th. We have arranged to use the Gallery room upstairs for our gathering of Shirleys.

Shirley descendants from ALL countries are invited to join us on this day. IF you would like to join us on tour to the other old Shirley locations from Derbyshire to Sussex, we'd be pleased to send you an application. We would appreciate hearing from you if you plan to join us at Ettington so we may have some idea to seating arrangements etc. You may wish to dine with us for lunch, dinner or join us for tea. I can send you the charges for the meals as quoted to us by the hotel. Write to Betty Shirley.

A.D. 1066

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MELINDA SHIRLEY BOYDSTON-HODGEN
[sister of Ezekiel Allen]

PERRY ORVILLE SHIRLEY
b. Aug 22, 1862 Oregon
son of Ezekiel Allen
Shirley of Warren Co KY

The 1831 Warren County Kentucky Will of Benjamin Shirley gives the following names of his children: Benjamin Petty, John M., Ezekiel Allen, James, Malinda, Elizabeth, Patsy, Polly, Fanny, and Jane.

In 1810 Census of Warren County KY., Benjamin Shirley shows, 1 male born 1765-1784, 1 male born 1800-1810, 1 female born 1784-1794, 2 females born 1800-1810.

Benjamin Shirley received a land grant in Warren Co. KY for 400 acres Jan 4, 1813 and a land warrant June 3, 1817 for 22 acres.

Photos and info from: Twyla Hartsock and Eugene Henderson

SAMUEL V. SHIRLEY & wife, KATHERINE

MORE SHIRLEYS OF LAURENS COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA & TUSCALOOSA COUNTY ALABAMA

SAMUEL V. SHIRLEY & (?son)

SAMUEL V. SHIRLEY July 28, 1850 Alabama, son of Biard Shirley who was born about 1827 South Carolina. Samuel married Katherine C. Boozer in 1871. She was an Indian lady.

Their children:

1. Sally L. July 23, 1874
2. Mary J. Sept 1, 1876
3. **Walter M.** Sept 12, 1887. Worked in construction (on dams) around Mussellsholes, Alabama in early 1900's.
4. Andrew C. Mar 5, 1887. "Jack" was in Columbus, Mississippi.
5. William L. Jan 29, 1889. Was a policeman in Oklahoma City.
6. Samuel T. Oct 27, 1890. Worked for Nabisco Co. Okla. City.
7. James July 21, 1903
8. Clarance C. April 19, 1902
9. Coralee July 30, 1904
10 Bertha Mar 6, 1905

Info from Juanita Shirley, daughter in law of Walter M. Shirley. Juanita has been a member of the Shirley Association since 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. James Young, parents of Richard and Fred Young of the KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS, a Country Music group. [Decendants of the Barren County Kentucky Shirleys].

March 13, 1992 Article
from an ATLANTA newspaper

Confederate Railroad steaming to stardom?

Atlantic Records

Confederate Railroad, led by Danny Shirley of Kennesaw (second from right), has recorded a remarkable debut album.

A jubilant **Danny Shirley** comes home — he's been in Nashville this week making a video that stars Atlanta Falcons coach **Jerry Glanville** — to Miss Kitty's in Marietta on Saturday with a remarkable debut album of country rock, "Confederate Railroad."

That's also the name of the six-piece band fronted by Mr. Shirley, a Kennesaw resident who's been a fixture on the local country-music club scene since the mid-'70s. To say he's thrilled to finally have a major-label deal (with Atlantic) is a massive understatement.

"There were several times when I wondered if this would ever happen," he deadpans from Nashville during a video-filming break. "But even when I'd get bummed out, something good would happen to keep me going."

The 10 previously unrecorded songs on "Confederate Railroad" find the band steaming through some left-of-center country takes and venturing toward Southern-style rock. Typical is the first single and video, "She Took It Like a Man," in which Mr. Glanville suffers a series of indignities in the name of love — including being whacked with a purse by a 300-pound woman in a washroom.

Other strong cuts include "Jesus & Mama," "Time Off for Bad Behavior," "She Never Cried," "Trashy Women" and "When You Leave That Way." Says Mr. Shirley, "I write a lot, but we went in to pick the songs and I simply felt these 10 were better than any I've written."

Confederate Railroad will perform music from the album during a showcase set that also features **Neal McCoy** (8 p.m. Saturday, 1038 Franklin Road S.E., Marietta. $3. 424-6556.)

Mr. Shirley, 35, says the band plans to begin a three-week run at the club March 24 before touring or perhaps going to Los Angeles to perform in an unidentified movie. "We talked to some casting people and we're real close to getting a part," Mr. Shirley says.

The band may lack acting experience, but there's no shortage of talent. As **Rhubarb Jones**, the knowledgeable disc jockey at WYAY-FM (Y-106/104) says, "I've known Danny for nine years, and I knew this was going to happen.

"Back then, I was spinning records in a club in Montgomery [Ala.] and we were packing them in every night until this kid comes to another club and our business fell off like zip. I went over to see him and found out why when I saw what a great entertainer Danny Shirley is."

Clipping sent by M.F. Shirley...

Another SHIRLEY descendant making it in the Country music business. We wish Danny the same success we see Fred & Richard Young of the Kentucky Headhunters enjoying. They are Shirley descendants too!

Richard Smith/Staff

Lydia Shirley serves husband, Earl, a slice of their 50th wedding anniversary cake in their Anderson County home. The Shirleys, who have farmed most of their lives, say that hard work has helped keep them together.

By Louise Ervin
Staff Writer

HONEA PATH — How do you keep a marriage successful through 50 years of togetherness?

"I've spent a lot of time outside the house," Earl Shirley said with a grin.

His wife, Lydia, said she has followed the advice given by an aunt on how to keep a marriage happy.

"She told me: 'When he throws fire, you throw water,' and it's worked pretty good," she said, chuckling.

As Valentine's Day approaches each year, the Shirleys observe their wedding anniverary, reaching their 50th this year.

When Earl and Lydia married, they took their marriage vows seriously. And they went into the marriage contract committed to making it binding.

We knew from the start that the honeymoon wouldn't last forever, Mrs. Shirley said.

"And we knew that once we got out on our own, it wouldn't be easy. So we tried to use common sense by working to keep the wolf away from our door," she said. "And that kept us so busy we didn't have time to fall out.

"Neither one of us even thought about divorce, because we could not have afforded it if we'd wanted one. And another thing, our parents wouldn't have taken us back if we'd gotten one. Actually, in our day, divorce was not too well accepted around here," Mrs. Shirley said.

The couple met in the late 1920s at a lawn party given by Janie Griffin at the Griffin's country home in the Barkers Creek community.

Before the Shirleys were married, both worked at jobs for a while. Shirley went to Savannah, Ga., to work at the shipping docks. His future wife worked as a receptionist for Jim Shirley, an Anderson dentist. Both were employed long enough to know they preferred life in the country to city living.

Shirley said he figured if he could make money for the other fellow, he could work and make it for himself as well. Except for the time he worked in Savannah, Shirley has farmed all of his life. He and Mrs. Shirley started housekeeping in the house where he was born.

HONEA PATH, SOUTH CAROLINA!!!

(An old article. They've been married longer now!!!)

Bush names Shirley as new ambassador to Senegal

WASHINGTON (AP) – President George Bush will nominate Katherine Shirley, associate coordinator for counter-terrorism at the Department of State, to be ambassador to Senegal.

She has served in her current job since 1989. Before that, she was consul general at the U.S. consulate in Palermo, Italy.

She began her career in diplomacy in 1966 as vice consul at the U.S. embassy in New Delhi.

Anyone know this Katherine Shirley?

From member, Alan L. Lamb....

The enclosed pictures are of the area called SHIRLEY, located just off highway 8, about 8 miles west of Potosi, Washington County Missouri.

These people are not of my lineage but I pursued this as it was close to where I live and I was curious. Perhaps someone in time will inquire of the Shirley Association and refer to this area and it might help.

It all began when I noticed the name SHIRLEY on my map some time ago and made note to stop by there if I got in the area. Finally got there in May and drove right by it. It is just a few homes and a a church, sitting about 100 yards off the highway. There is no post office or zip code.

An elderly man who lives next door to the aging wood church knew of no Shirleys living in the area or buried in the small church cemetery on the church grounds. He didn't know anything about the name of the community either. Although you can see in the picture of the church, it is clled SHIRLEY UNION CHURCH. He told me of an old grave yard where there were Shirley graves, a couple of miles away.

The cemetery is about 3-4 miles (by road) away from the Shirley community. It is well hidden. YMCA camp Lakewood occupies the area and apparently a man made lake was put in some years ago, and the cemetery is just a stones throw from the spillway of the lake, (protected by raised ground). You have to cross a bridge (pontoon type), to get across the lake to the cemetery. It isn't much to look at, but was surpisingly free of weeds. It is enclosed by barbed wire and a wood gate. The old gentleman back in SHIRLEY said some kids had brutally vandalised it some time ago, and he was correct. Some attempts havebeen made to put the stones together. I found three SHIRLEY stones, there were other names in the cemetery.

James M. Shirley 1834-1899, Caroline Shirley 1835-1889 and William S. Shirley.

From Editor...

This must be the children of Jordan Shirley who lived in Washington County Missouri in the 1850 census and had a son James b. ca. 1834 and a son William. Jordan was born in 1804 Tennessee and was the son of Thomas Shirley who was born 1760-61 Fairfield Co. South Carolina.

**SHIRLEY UNION CHURCH,
SHIRLEY MISSOURI.**

**RIGHT...Tombstone of James M. Shirley
1834-1899**

CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF INDIANA.

May Term, 1845.

SHIRLEY *v.* SHIRLEY and Another.

SHIRLEY v. SHIRLEY.

The statute of frauds does not require that an agreement for the sale of real estate should be signed by both parties. It is sufficient if it have the signature of the party sued.

If by such agreement, the making of the title and the payment of the purchase-money are to be concurrent acts, neither party can sustain a suit on the agreement without having first performed or offered to perform his part of it.

Nor can a party to such contract rescind it without the other's consent, unless there has been an offer of performance on his part, and a refusal to perform by the other.

A vendee of real estate has a lien thereon for the money paid, if the vendor refuse to convey; and the lien continues against a subsequent purchaser with notice.

Thursday, July 17.

APPEAL from the *Orange* Circuit Court.

SULLIVAN, J.—Bill in chancery to enforce a vendee's lien. The following facts are stated in the bill: The complainant and one *James Hudelson*, who died pending the suit, purchased from *Charles Shirley* a tract of land lying in *Orange* county, and entered into a contract in writing under seal dated *October* 4th, 1838, signed by *Charles Shirley*, by which the latter acknowledged that he had received from the former 382 dollars and 42 cents, part of 1,600 dollars which they, *Shirley* and *Hudelson*, had agreed to pay to *Charles Shirley* for the land mentioned in the contract, and which is described in the bill, and which *Charles Shirley* was to convey to them by a general warranty deed free from all incumbrance. In the month of *December* following, the purchasers paid to *Charles Shirley* the further sum of 109 dollars and five cents in part payment of said land. The bill then states that the complainants, on, &c., offered to pay the balance of the purchase-money and demanded a deed, but defendant, *Shirley*, refused to comply with his contract, and afterwards sold and conveyed the same land to his co-defendant *George Monicle*, and emigrated to the state of *Illinois;* that *Monicle*, when he purchased, had notice of the previous purchase of the land by the complainants, and that they had paid a large portion of the purchase-money. *Charles Shirley* and *Monicle* are made defendants to the bill, and the prayer is that the defendant, *Charles Shirley*, may be decreed to pay to the complainants the sum of 491 dollars and 17 cents, the amount paid by them as part of the purchase-money aforesaid, and that the complainants have a lien on the land to secure the payment.

Charles Shirley, in his answer, admits the sale of the land and the payment of a part of the purchase-money as stated in the bill. He denies that the purchasers offered, at any time, to pay the residue of the purchase-money, or in any way to comply with their contract; but says they refused to do so, and he thereupon sold the land to *Monicle*, &c.

Monicle, in his answer, admits that he purchased the land described in the bill from *Charles Shirley* for the sum of 1,600 dollars; that he paid him 500 dollars in cash, removed an incumbrance on the land to the amount of 200 dollars, and executed his notes for the balance. He admits that, before he contracted for the land, he was informed that *Jocob Shirley* and *Hudelson* had purchased it, but had failed to pay for it; that he called upon them before he purchased, and informed them that he contemplated purchasing the land, and requested to be informed of the claim they had upon the land, &c., and that he was informed by *Jacob Shirley* that the purchasers wanted their money to be refunded to them and they would be satisfied, &c.; that *Jacob Shirley*, one of the complainants, expressed a willingness to take the note of him, the said *Monicle*, in discharge of the claim for said purchase-money; and that the respondent understood that *Charles Shirley* had afterwards tendered to the complainants the note of *Monicle* for the sum of 500 dollars, &c.

There were replications filed to the answers, and depositions taken.

Henry K. Neff swears that in harvest time, 1839, he went with *Monicle* to see *Jacob Shirley* and *Hudelson*. He says *Monicle's* object was to inquire into the difficulty between *Jacob* and *Charles Shirley* respecting the land. The witness then states the same facts substantially that are related by *Monicle* in his answer, with this addition, that *Jacob Shirley* told him that "he considered he had a lien on the land," and if the "arrangement" (referring to the note of *Monicle*) was not made, he would hold on to the land. *J. P. Hungate's* testimony sustains the answer of *Monicle*. He was present at the above recited conversation, and says that *Jacob Shirley* expressed a willingness to give up the land, but said he must have his money back and six *per cent.* interest. *Jesse Toliver* says, that he heard *Charles Shirley* say that he was to let the complainants have a note of 500 dollars. *C. Shirley* requested the witness to go to *J. Shirley* and *Hudelson* and inquire whether they would take said note. They said they would not take the note without the interest on the money they had paid to *Charles*. This occurred in the latter part of the summer or in the early part of the fall of 1839. A witness swears that *Charles Shirley*, in the year 1839, held a note on *Monicle* for 500 dollars. Another witness says that he heard *Jacob Shirley* tell *Monicle* in the harvest field, that if he, *Monicle*, would pay to him the money he had paid to *Charles Shirley* for the land, with interest, he might have the land. *Monicle* said he would determine by the next day, and *Jacob Shirley* said that if *Monicle* did not give his note to him, *Jacob Shirley*, he would buy a law suit. Witness says he was at *Shirley's* the next day, and *Monicle* did not come to *Shirley's*, &c. Two other witnesses, in their depositions, adopt the statements of the last-named witness.

On the foregoing facts the Court, at the final hearing, dismissed the bill.

It has been seriously questioned whether the specific performance of a contract would be enforced, where both the parties were not bound to the performance of it by having signed the agreement, on the ground of a want of mutuality in the remedy. *Lawrenson* v. *Butler*, 1 Sch. and Lef. 13. The doubt however has been abandoned, and the Courts have, by numerous decisions, settled the doctrine that a contract signed by the party to be charged, according to the statute of frauds and perjuries, may be enforced by the other. *Flight* v. *Bolland*, 4 Russ. 298.—*Palmer* v. *Scott*, 1 Russ. & Mylne, 391.—*Martin* v. *Mitchell*, 2 Jac. & Walk. 419.—*Ld. Ormond* v. *Anderson*, 2 Ball & Beat. 363 (1.)

The contract between the vendor and the purchasers in this case, was evidently one where the acts to be performed by them were concurrent. The purchasers were to pay 1,600 dollars for the land, and the vendor was to make a good title. There is nothing in the terms of the contract, which shows that it was the intention of the vendor to convey before the payment of the purchase-money; and unless it clearly appeared that such was the contract, a Court of equity would not compel him to part with his land before he was paid for it. Nor would a Court compel the purchaser to pay his money before he received a title. Neither party, therefore, could compel a performance by the other until he had performed, or offered to perform, his part of the contract. It follows that neither party had a right to rescind the contract, without the consent of the other, until by an offer to perform on his part, the other party had refused. If the

1992 ENGLAND TRIP

A GROUP OF SHIRLEYS FROM THE USA AND CANADA WILL BE ARRIVING IN ENGLAND IN ABOUT 6 WEEKS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR VISIT AND HOPING TO MEET SEVERAL OF THE SHIRLEY FAMILIES AT ETTINGTON SATURDAY, JULY 18TH. I HAVE HEARD FROM SOME AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS WHO PLAN ON MEETING US THERE AS WELL.

TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MEET US FOR ONE DAY ONLY, AT ETTINGTON PARK...We will arrive Saturday, July 18th early AM. Please meet us upstairs in the Long Gallery, (ask at desk), about 10:30AM.

I will arrange for a television, as I understand you have an important sports event that day and we wouldn't want you to miss a thing. You may enjoy watching with the others and join us when it is over.

If you would like to arrange to have lunch, tea or dinner with us, please contact Carol Icke by writing to her at Ettington Park Hotel, Alderminister, Warwickshire CV37 8BS or call her at (0789) 740740, to make those arrangements. You may prefer to bring a picnic and eat outside if it is a nice day. The costs of Lunch: £15.75, Tea:£3.65, Dinner:£28.00.

We will have plenty of time to chat and get acquainted as this is not a convention but a gathering of Shirleys. I will bring a few items to share as I did before, but the day will be more relaxed. We want everyone to enjoy this day as we do. Some may want to go for a swim in the LARGE indoor swimming pool. We will take a walk around the grounds and visit inside the very old Chapel. I do have a few things planned but most important is to just come and enjoy yourself. Do bring some of your Shirley pictures to show me and any other old items of interest. I am looking forward to seeing you and I hope you will make plans to be with us.

Would like to know the parents of:

William P. Shirley born Dec. 1820-25 Tennessee married Elizabeth Chandler Aug 1840 in Cape Girardeau County Missouri.

Barbara Ferguson
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PORTLAND June 7th, Time: 10AM-3PM Best Western Sunnyside Inn 12855 SE 97th (I-205, Sunnyside Rd Exit #14) (503)652-1500

Hannah Sherley	D	22 Nov 1789	wife of Edward Sherley
Henry Monk	M	21 Nov 1810	Mary Sherley
James Monk	B	11 Jly 1816	Henry & Mary Monk
James Sherley	B	10 Mar 1790	William & Ann Sherley
James Sherley	D	08 Jan 1875	aged 84 of Barnet
Jane Monk	B	22 Oct 1814	Henry & Mary Monk
Jane Scholey	M	20 Apr 1755	Robert Walker
Jane Sherley	B	29 Jne 1806	John & Sarah Sherley
John Scholey	B	23 Oct 1740	John & Ann Scholey
John Sherley	B	?? ?? 1802	John & Sarah Sherley
John Sherley Osborne	D	26 Mar 1853	aged 20
John Shirley	D	31 Mar 1759	
John Shirley	F	29 Nov 1847	William Shirley
John Shirley	M	05 Feb 1849	Sarah Ebon
John Shirley	F	15 Oct 1839	Emily Shirley
John Shirley	F	25 May 1851	Anne Shirley
John Shirley	M	09 Nov 1874	Elizabeth Claridge
Joseph Manning	M	25 May 1851	Anne Shirley
Laurence Sherley	B	20 Aug 1782	Edward & Hannah Sherley
Mary Monk	B	06 Sep 1794	Henry & Jane Monk
Mary Osborne	B	17 Aug 1814	Thomas & Eliz Osborne
Mary Scholey	B	01 Feb 1756	Philip & ELizabeth Scholey
Mary Scholy	B	24 Jly 1642	Robert & Mary Scholy
Mary Sherley	D	11 Oct 1770	wife Edward Sherley
Mary Sherley	D	24 Dec 1833	aged 78
Mary Sherley	M	21 Nov 1810	Henry Monk
Mary Shorley	D	20 Dec 1768	Edward & Mary Shorley
Michael Sherley	B	16 Jly 1809	John & Sarah Sherley
Michael Shirley	M	03 Feb 1873	Annie Saunders
Michael Shirley	F	05 Feb 1849	John Shirley
Michael Shirley	F	18 Feb 1852	William Shirley
Nicholas Padwick	M	22 Nov 1815	Elizabeth Shirley
Richard Shirley	D	26 Sep 1833	aged 8 hours
Sarah Probert	B	20 Dec 1813	William & Sarah Probert
Sarah Shirley	W	22 Nov 1815	Nicholas & Eliz Padwick
Sarah Shirley	D	25 Dec 1798	dau. of Edward Shirley
Sarah Shirley	W	18 Apr 1844	Eliz & James Boiles
Sarah Shorley	B	16 May 1777	Edward & Hannah Shorley
Stephen Sherley	B	10 Jly 1763	Edward & Mary Sherley
Thomas Osborne	D	29 Nov 1867	aged 74
Thomas Osborne	M	23 May 1812	Elizabeth Sherley
Thomas Radford	B	18 Jne 1786	William & Mary Radford
Thomas Sherley	B	04 Jan 1792	William & Ann Sherley
Thomas Sherley	D	19 Nov 1859	aged 67
Thomas Shorley	D	26 Feb 1784	
William Monk	B	03 Nov 1811	Henry & Mary Monk
William Osborne	B	08 Jan 1822	Thomas & Eliz Osborne
William Sherley	W	22 Mar 1815	Ann Sherley
William Sherley	D	19 Aug 1781	Edward & Hannah Shorley
William Sherley	M	15 Dec 1795	Mary Dixey
William Sherley	W	21 Nov 1810	Mary Sherley
William Sherley	W	23 May 1812	Thomas & Eliz Osborne
William Shirley	W	05 Feb 1849	John & Sarah Shirley
William Shirley	M	02 Oct 1784	Ann Salmon
William Shirley	B	24 Jly 1803	John & Mary Shirley
William Shirley	M	18 Feb 1852	Mary Hartwell
William Shirley	M	29 Nov 1847	Susannah Radford
William Shirley	F	18 Apr 1844	Eliz Shirley
William Shirley	F	03 Feb 1873	Michael Shirley
William Shirley	F	29 Mar 1875	Frederick Shirley
William Shirley	B	25 Mar 1681	Michael & Joane Shirley
William Shirley	F	09 Nov 1874	John Shirley
William Shorley	W	13 Jne 1811	William & Sarah Probert
William Shorley	D	01 May 1756	

Brill, Buckinghamshire, Parish Registers
Shirley extracts
by Elizabeth Estbergs

The following details were copied from the microfilm of the parish registers. The first column includes children of Shirley females as well as Shirley and variant names.

The second column key is:-

B = Baptism
D = Burial
F = Father
M = Marriage
W = Witness

Dates have been taken down as is and not converted.

The last column includes distinguishing details including parents of children baptized, spouse, name of person marrying and where available age at death.

? Sherley	B	?? ??? 1761	Edward & Mary Sherley
? Sherley	B	?? ??? 1805	John & Sarah Sherley
Ann Monk	B	24 Jly 1788	Henry & Jane Monk
Ann Scholy	B	17 Feb 1682	Philip & Eliz Scholy
Ann Sherley	W	23 May 1812	Thomas & Eliz Osborne
Ann Sherley	M	22 Mar 1815	John William Smith
Ann Sherley	W	21 Nov 1810	Mary Sherley
Ann Shirley	M	17 Jan 1793	William Proberts
Ann Shorley	D	13 May 1783	wife Thomas Shorley
Ann Shorley	D	04 Mar 1795	wife William Shorley
Anne Monk	B	19 Sep 1813	Thomas & Mary Monk
Anne Osborne	B	08 Jne 1813	Thomas & Eliz Osborne
Anne Scholey	D	20 Dec 1724	Philip & Ann Scholy
Anne Shirley	M	25 May 1851	Joseph Manning
Anne Shirley	W	18 Nov 1766	Thomas & Ann Badington
Antony Osborne	B	21 Dec 1651	Robert & Sarah Osborne
Arthur Scholy	B	31 Oct 1630	Robert & Mary Scholy
Betsey Osborne	B	26 Jly 1817	Thomas & Eliz Osborne
Caroline Osborne	B	12 Apr 1820	Thomas & Eliz Osborne
Comfort Osborne	B	04 Nov 1815	Thomas & Eliz Osborne
Edward Monk	B	05 Mar 1818	Henry & Mary Monk
Edward Sherley	W	15 Dec 1795	William & Mary Sherley
Edward Shirley	D	23 Aug 1813	
Edward Shorley	D	20 Jan 1780	Edward & Hannah Shorley
Edward Shorley	B	16 Jan 1780	Edward & Hannah Shorley
Elizabeth Monk	B	31 Oct 1780	Henry & Jane Monk
Elizabeth Scholey	D	30 Jan 1793	widow
Elizabeth Sherley	M	23 May 1812	Thomas Osborne
ELizabeth Shirley	D	21 Jul 1831	aged 71
Elizabeth Shirley	M	22 Nov 1815	Nicholas Padwick
Elizabeth Shirley	M	23 May 1818	Frederick Briscko
Elizabeth Shirley	B	16 Nov 1789	John & Elizabeth Shirley
Elizabeth Shirley	B	11 Jne 1797	John & Sarah Shirley
Elizabeth Shirley	M	18 Apr 1844	James Boiles
Elizabeth Shorley	D	20 Dec 1768	Edward & Mary Shorley
Elizabeth Shorley	B	28 Aug 1775	Edward & Hannah Shorley
Emily Shirley	M	15 Oct 1839	Thomas Durvall
Emma Shirley	W	29 Jul 1839	Emanuel Hawes
Frederick Brisko	M	23 May 1818	Elizabeth Shirley
Frederick Shirley	W	03 Feb 1873	Michael Shirley
Frederick Shirley	M	29 Mar 1875	Elizabeth Mole
Frederick Shirley	W	09 Nov 1874	John Shirley

INDEX OF SERVANTS SENT TO FOREIGN PLANTATIONS FROM THE BRISTOL REGISTER [ENGLAND].

SHERLY, ANN of Burcot, Worchestershire to Margery Fearclew for 5 years, February 26, 1659.

Searle, John of Colan, Cornwall, labour, to Henry Bankes, for 3 years, Barbados, May 8, 1656.

Searle, John to Thomas Jefferis, 4 years, Barbados, Dec 2, 1662.

Searle, John to John Jones, 4 years, Virginia, Jan 31, 1674.

Searle, Mary to James Brayne, 4 years, Virginia, by Bristol Merchant assigned to Robert Page Aug 24, 1677.

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1608 *Lady Marian Shearle,* widow, Lusk (Dublin)

1667 *Arthur Shurley,* Isfield, Sussex [England] esq.

1668 *Sir George Shirley,* knt. Chief Justice, K.B. (copy)

1668 *Dame Mary Shurley,* widow of Sir Geo. Shirley, Chief Justice

1669 *Jane Serle,* Limerick, widow of Co. Thomas S. Serle

1686 *Philip Shirley*, Limerick, gent.

1786 *Rev. Walter Shirley* of Parish ST. Mary, Dublin

1793 *Henrietta Shirley,* Dorset, St. Dublin, widow

1793 *John Shirley,* Croan, Co. Kilkenny

1807 *Anne Searle,* Carlow

1811 *John Shirley,* Croan, Co. Kilkenny

RETURN, OWNERS WITH 1 ACRE OR MORE OF LAND IN IRELAND, JAN 1871

CO. KILKENNY	**EXT.**	**VAL.**
Rathclogh, *Henry Shirley*	61-3-10	40-0
Garrynaman, Thomastown, *James Shirley*	337-0-20	243-10
Colcullen, Leighlinbridge, *John Shirley*	36-3-20	23-0
MONOGHAN (Ulster Province)		
Loughfea, Carrisckmacross, *Evelyn P. Shirley*	26,386-3-20	20,744-10
Portman-Sq., London, *Horatio Shirley*	4,197-0-20	2,890-0

[END OF IRELAND RETURNS]

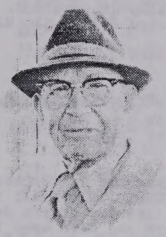
From your Editor... I am sadden to say we have lost several of our members. Joe Shirley was one of my favorite people. He joined the Association in 1984, traveled to England with us in 1986 and has attended Shirley Conventions and meetings. He went with us on the trip to Boston Massachusetts, etc. in 1987.

Audrey Fahrer has been a member since 1978, when we initiated the Shirley Association. She also went to England in 1986 and has attended several of the Shirley Conventions.

Edna Curtis has been a member since 1978. Her daughter just recently gave me the news of her death.

Anne Bumpus, who has been a member since 1978 and attended several Shirley Conventions, recently lost her father, McBroom Shirley.

Rev. Betty Shirley of St. Louis, Mo. (member since 1981), also lost her father recently and a nephew.



Joseph Chilton Shirley

Born
August 29, 1904
Alvin, Texas

Entered Into Rest
February 8, 1992
Phoenix, Arizona

McBroom Shirley

McBroom Shirley, 81, of Columbia died Saturday, Feb. 15, 1992 at the Columbia Health Care Facility.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m., Monday, at the Polk Memorial Gardens Cemetery with J. Lowell Knupp officiating.

Shirley was a native of Cannon County, Tenn. and was the son of late William Luther and Mary Shirley. He was employed by both Victor and Stauffer chemical companies as a supervisor until his retirement in 1974. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #610 F.A.&M. and a Shriner. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Columbia.

Survivors include his wife Ruby Murphy Shirley of Columbia; two daughters Jane Shirley of Nashua, N.H., Jones (Ann) Bumpus of Columbia; one son, McBroom Shirley Jr. of Triune.

OBITUARIES

Audrey Fahrer

Audrey F. Fahrer, 80, 2025 Ginter Road, died at 4:40 p.m. Saturday in Defiance Hospital.

She was born Jan. 30, 1912, in Oakwood, the daughter of Frank and Emma (Shirley) Giltz. In 1931, she married Harold (Sonny) Fahrer, who died in 1983. She was an elementary school teacher for 35 years from 1932-1967, having taught in Link Rural School, Sylvania, Oakwood, and Defiance's Slocum and Spencer schools. She was a graduate of Bowling Green University in 1932 and received a bachelor of science degree from Defiance College in 1954. She was a member of local, state and national education societies. She was a hospital and Red Cross volunteer. She was a member of Fort Defiance Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of U.S. Daughters of 1812, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, genealogical societies, Paulding County First Families, Friends of the Defiance Public Library, Ladies of the Elks, and American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving is a brother, Wilbur Giltz, Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Harold, Donald, Robert and an infant.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Metheny officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Tuesday and the family will receive visitors from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A DAR service will be held at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mrs. Edna Curtis

Mrs. Edna Dean Curtis, 78, had been a major part of the business community in Many since 1946 until just a few years ago when she closed her business, Curtis' Fashions.

The women's apparel store was located on San Antonio Avenue and was opened on July 5, 1946.

Mrs. Curtis died Wednesday, September 19 at St. Luke Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Friends and relatives gathered to say farewell to Mrs. Curtis at funeral services held Saturday, September 22 at 10 a.m. at the Many First Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe Ratcliff officiating. Burial was in the Many Cemetery.

She is survived by two sons, Percy Curtis of Minden and Jimmy Curtis of Sherman, Texas; one daughter, Chloe Buvens of Longview, Texas; one sister, Mary Belle Davis of Many; two brothers, Bill Dean of Many and Thomas Dean of Ferriday; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were nephews.

purchasers had tendered the purchase-money within a reasonable time and demanded a deed, and it had been refused, they might have considered the contract at an end; and so, if the vendor had tendered a deed and demanded the purchase-money and it had not been paid, he might have considered the contract as rescinded. But if either party abandoned the contract without doing all that the law required of him, he is in default.

There is no evidence that *Charles Shirley* tendered a deed to the purchasers, and demanded the purchase-money, or any thing equivalent to it, before he sold to *Monicle*. The sale, therefore, cannot affect the equity of the complainants if *Monicle* had notice of it, and if they did no act which destroyed it. *Monicle* admits in his answer that, from a conversation he had with *J. Shirley* and *Hudelson* on the subject, he knew they had a claim on the land. In that conversation they consented that *Monicle* might purchase from *Charles Shirley*, but we think the weight of the testimony is that they informed *Monicle*, that they would claim a lien on the land for the money they had paid with interest, and that unless *Monicle* would pay or secure to them that amount, they would seek to enforce their lien. That did not amount to an abandonment of their lien; it rather asserted it. *Monicle*, therefore, purchased with a full knowledge of the complainants' equity, and the land, in his hands, is subject to the lien claimed by the bill. A vendee has a lien on land purchased by him for the purchase-money, or any part of it, paid by him, if the vendor refuses to convey, and this lien attaches to the land in the hands of a subsequent purchaser with notice. 1 Sugd. on Vend. 344.—Coote on Mortg. 248, and cases cited.

From the view we have taken of the case, it follows that the Court erred in dismissing the bill.

The Court reversed the decree, and rendered a decree for the complainant conformably to the above opinion.

H. P. Thornton, *J. Collins*, *W. Quarles*, and *J. H. Bradley*, for the appellant.

W. A. Porter, for the appellees.

(1) The cases cited in the text show that Courts of equity consider contracts for the sale of land valid, under the statute of frauds, though signed only by the defendant. The doctrine is the same in Courts of law. *Laythoarp* v. *Bryant*, 2 Bingh. N. C. 735.—*Barickman* v. *Kuykendall*, 6 Blackf. 21.

S A S U U A L O - PLACE — NAME ENQUIRY

Monroe Couper, Waynesboro, Virginia 1991

CONCLUSION

Sasuualo means SEA-SWALLOW

SEA

Before 1100 A.D., Old English SÆ meant lake or ocean. The word was brought to England by the Teutonic invaders who started arriving in about the fifth century. For example, this spelling is found in Old Norse and Frisian.

It was shortened to SA in some combinations, for example SA STERRE (sea star or starfish); but also spelled SAESTEORRNE in 1200.

SWALLOW

Before 1100 one spelling of swallow was SUUALUAE, but the letter U after the S or L could be either single or double. After all, W really is double-U. This word was also Germanic; - Old Saxon SUALA; Old Norse and Middle Swedish SVALA.

Examples of its use:

Year	Phrase
700	"hirundo" = Sualuuae (listing in a Latin vocabulary)
1300	a swalu ich herd sing
1374	the swalwe (Geoffrey Chaucer)

SEA-SWALLOW

I do not find such early examples as the above for the combination of SÆ and SUUALO. The first quote I find comes from 1598, by which time the modern Sea Swallow spelling is in use. The term has been used to refer to several species:

a) a flying fish (cited 1598-1844
b) terns (cited 1647-1831
c) stormy petrel (after 1852

We don't know what species they had in mind in 11-1200.

PLACE-NAME

Today's Oxford Dictionary of English Place-Names does not list Sea-Swallow, in any variation of spelling. Possibly the place (manor or hamlet) mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, did not survive as a village or town. It may even have been absorbed by London.

Use of the prefix SA to refer to a body of water does persist in some place-names, such as SAHAM (hamlet by the lake), which is also mentioned in the Domesday Book, as well as elsewhere in 1130 and 1168.

Other English place-names involving the word SWALLOW exist today:

Present Name	Early Spelling		County
Swalcliffe	1190	Swalewecliua	Oxfordshire
Swale	ca 730	Sualua	Kent (river)
Swallow	{1086	Sualun (D.Book)}	Lincolnshire
	{1115	Sualwa }	
Swallowfield	1167	Sualewefeld	Berkshire
Swalwell	1183	Sualwels	Durham

CHARLES AND JACOB WERE SONS OF VALENTINE SHIRLEY WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1750'S PENNSYLVANIA & DIED 1811 IN VIRGINIA.

(This is one of the lines that maybe Schally, etc of Germany).

Article sent by Joseph Northrop

From your Editor...

I sent our story about the 1986 Shirley gathering at Ettington to a magazine called REMINISCE. They have a section that features family reunions. I normally do not subscribe to magazines because I don't have time to read them.

This one has no advertising and features many old time stories and colorful pictures from all over the country. It is right down my alley, so to speak.

The publisher called a couple of weeks ago and said they will be using our story in the July issue.

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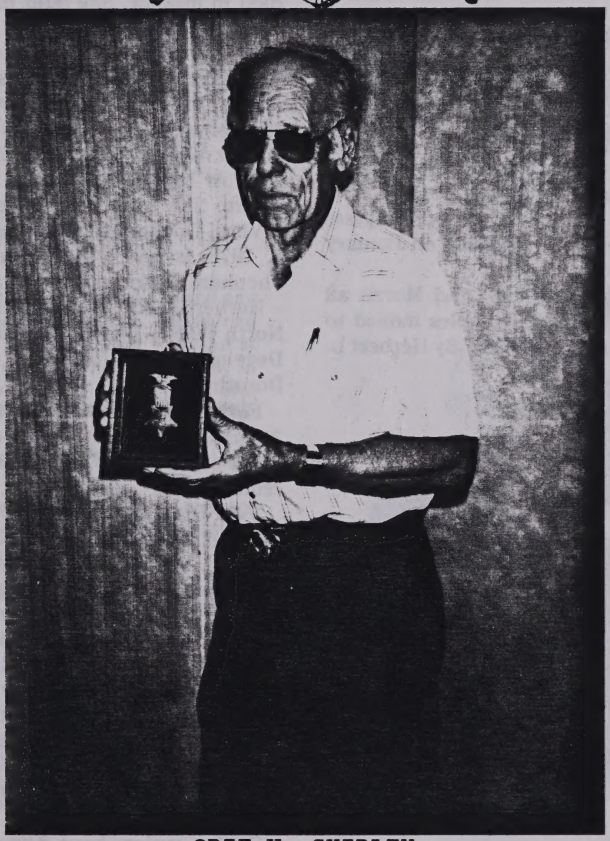


ORIE W. SHIRLEY

Orie Shirley descends from Daniel Shirley born about 1792 Pennsylvania and died April 10, 1872 in Jackson County Iowa. Daniel married Nancy Flynn May 31, 1818 in Berkeley County Virginia, (now West Virginia). [see Oct 1980 page 6 of the Shirley NEWS for family info].

Orie Shirley and his wife attended our Shirley meeting in Portland Oregon earlier this year, June 7th. We welcome them to the Shirley Association. They did not know Daniel Shirley was Peter Van Shirley's father. Orie Shirley brought Peter Van Shirley's medal of honor for his service in the Civil War.

Peter Van Shirley History

Peter Van Shirley was born November 27, 1837 in Ohio, where he spent his childhood. He moved to Jackson County, IA, where he married Samantha Eads in 1860. They had a son and a daughter before he joined the Army in 1862. He was in "Co. A" of the Iowa Infantry where he served in the Civil War. His son Ulysses Grant Shirley was born while he was still in the army on May 13, 1865. Peter Van Shirley was wounded and discharged in June of 1865.

Three more sons were born to Peter and Samantha before they left Andrew, Jackson County, IA. Their daughter, Stella, died in Iowa at about the age of twenty years.

Peter, Samantha and their five sons, John, Ulysses, Norman, Morris, and Miles came to Nebraska in 1885 in a covered wagon. They homesteaded south of Wellfleet.

He left the farm and moved to Wellfleet in the early 1890's. He ran a little grocery-hardware store in Wellfleet. His wife, Samantha, died in 1918. He retired and moved to Hayes County with his son, Ulysses in 1920. He lived with them until his death on January 25, 1921.

Peter's other sons, John, Norman, and Morris all moved to California and died there. Miles moved to Colorado and lived there until his death. By Herbert L. Shirley

Ulysses and Della Shirley

Ulysses Grant Shirley Family

Ulysses Grant Shirley son of Peter Van and Samantha Eads Shirley was born May 13, 1865 at Canton, IA. He came to Nebraska with his parents and four brothers in 1885. He was united in marriage to Della Blanche Chinn on July 3, 1893. She was the daughter of John Grafton Chinn and Susan Smith Chinn, born March 2, 1872 at Colfax, IA and came with her father and stepmother by train to McCook. Her family homesteaded about twenty miles southwest of Wellfleet in Hayes County. Della taught in a sod school house known as Evergreen in 1891 and 1892.

Ulysses and Della resided on his homestead eight miles southwest of Wellfleet in Hayes County and farmed until 1944 when they moved to Curtis. They were the parents of thirteen children: Laura Edith, born August 4, 1894, died October 11, 1928 in a car accident, married to Ray Marash. She is buried at Wellfleet.

Mattie Mildred, born January 29, 1896, she still lives in North Platte, she married Neal Schrecongost, he died in 1940. They raised seven children, one child died in infancy. She later married Delbert Welch, he died in 1969.

Manley John, born September 12, 1897, died October 1973, is buried at Maywood. He married Bessie Corlett, she died March 16, 1980 and is buried at Maywood. They raised three children.

Clair Willard, born June 12, 1900, died January 9, 1976 is buried at Madrid, NE. He married Lavada White, they raised six children.

Virgil Duane, born February 27, 1902, died October 1, 1978, is buried at Maywood. He married Daphina Shepherd. Later married to Jessie Corlett Porter.

Herbert Leslie, born January 13, 1904 and lives in North Platte. He married Zora Fern Corlett, she died December 23, 1977, buried at Maywood. He married Dorothy Bollwitt.

Floyd Charles, born October 9, 1905, died February 20, 1984, buried at McCook. He married Agnes Johnson, she died December 1961. They raised four children.

Vera Blanche, born October 1, 1907, died March 1, 1980, buried at Maywood. She married Philetus (Bud) White. They raised seven children.

Kenneth Eugene, born March 4, 1909, died August 15, 1972, buried in Denver, Colorado. He married Eleanor Mogensen. They raised two children.

Baby Boy born January 24, 1911, died April 7, 1911.

Homer Roland, born July 25, 1912, died June 25, 1985, buried at North Platte. He married Florence Simms. They had three children, one died at six years.

Harold Sidney, born March 17, 1915. He now lives in Curtis. He married Betty June Lewin, they raised four children.

Clyde Stanley, born August 22, 1921, died August 29, 1979. He is buried at Wellfleet.

Ulysses and Della endured many hardships while raising a large family. Della will be remembered for her jolly good nature and her deep devotion to her children and grandchildren. She was always ready to lend a helping hand to their friends and neighbors, and was called upon, many times to be a midwife.

Della passed away October 21, 1953 at Moorefield, NE and is buried at Wellfleet. Ulysses passed away January 26, 1957 in Denver, CO and is buried in Wellfleet. By Herbert L. Shirley

JAMES SHIRLEY

My great grandfather, James Shirley, was married in the County Carlow, Ireland, and died there early in life. His wife apparently accompanied my grandfather and his wife Catherine McDonald and their young son Herman early in 1858. They settled in the Township of Bathurst on a homestead about 9 miles from Perth. My great grandmother soon met and married a Mr. Anderson who was running a sawmill and he also pre-deceased her. She was commonly known as "Granny Anderson". From first hand information, she is buried near Fallbrooke, Ontario, about 12 miles from Perth, Ont. My grandfather James was born in 1835 and died in 1884. His tombstone is in the 3rd last row (north) almost central in the old section of the Catholic cemetry - about ½ mile north of Perth. His wife Catherine McDonald was born in Ireland in 1831 and died in 1917 in the American Soo. She was buried in Perth, Ont. and her name appears on the tombstone with grandfather's. Their place of marriage in County Carlow is not known.

After my uncle Herman Shirley, the only one of the family born in Ireland, in 1856, my aunt Mary was born soon after their arrival in Canada in 1858, about 9 miles from Perth, Ont. as stated above. Besides Mary, there were Annie, Martha and Katherine (Kate the youngest of the family). I have met them personally. The other children were Paul, Michael, Joseph, James, Thomas, Patrick and Richard.

During the 1870's they moved to Bay City, Michigan and the American Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, U.S.A.

JOHN HERMAN SHIRLEY

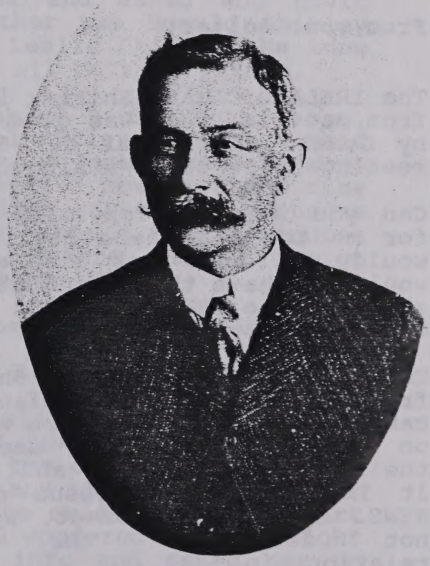
He was born in 1856 in county Carlow, Ireland and came to Canada when only 2 years old. He married Mary Ann Nagle in 1884. Mary Ann Nagle was born at Bathurst, Ont. about 12 miles S.W. of Perth, Ont. in 1854. She was daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Nagle who farmed at Bathurst. She died in Perth July 20th, 1896.

All children of Herman Shirley were born of his first wife. They were: Mayme, Ethel, Anne Loretta and William.

John Herman married again to Jane Nagle (date unknown), daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Nagle and she died Sept. 23, 1919. He married a third time to Mrs. Catherine Sheridan about two years later. She died at Hotel Dieu, Kingston in 1948. He died at Perth Feb. 11, 1924.

PAUL SHIRLEY

Born in 1859 and died single in 1883 . . . killed in an accident in a shanty in upper Michigan, by a tree falling on him. He is buried beside his parents in Perth and his name is also engraved on their tombstone. My father James Shirley brought back his body for burial.



Michael Shirley - died in Spokane, Wash.
Born: March 24th, 1861

JAMES SHIRLEY

Born April 18, 1862 and died December 21, 1931. He married Elizabeth Jane Kearns at Perth, Ontario on September 26, 1888. She was born on May 24, 1860. and died November 4, 1953. James is buried in Saskatoon and Elizabeth is buried in the Catholic cemetry of Perth beside their son Earl as requested. There were ten children born to this marriage, but four died in infancy. Those who lived are as follows: John Patrick, Vincent James, Thomas Charles Earl, Mary Veronica (Mae), (Rev.) Lawrence Herbert and William Leo.

MICHAEL JOSEPH SHIRLEY

Born March 24, 1861 - died in 1920. (59 years old.) He married Annie Waite - (1865 - March 7, 1903,(37 years old.) in Perth, Ontario in May 1882. They had two children - Katherine Isobel and May. After the children were born they moved to Eldoro, Iowa. Two years later in February 1902 they moved back to the American Soo where Mrs. Michael (Annie Waite) died. In 1904 Michael married again to Clara Theresa Shandonay, in Michigan. In 1909 the family moved to Spokane, Wash.

TOM SHIRLEY

Married and went to Winnipeg to become proprietor of the Oriental Hotel there until his death. He was buried in Winnipeg. He had two sons at least.

Albert: Became famous in the early 1950's as Inspector Hearthstone of the death squad. This was sponsored by the Aspirin Tablet Co.

PATRICK SHIRLEY

Lived in Vancouver, B.C. and died in the early 1940's.

RICHARD SHIRLEY

Lived in Chilliwack, B.C. and died in the early 1940's.

MARTHA SHIRLEY

Died about 1947 at East Tawas, Mich. She married Pat O'Brien.

From your editor:

The IRELAND/CANADA Shirley info is from material that was given to me by Donald Shirley at our Shirley meeting in Seattle Washington.

Can you see how important it is for me to hold these meetings? I would not have met Don and we would not have this information to share in the NEWS or to add to our files for future reference.

This is another family of Shirleys from County Carlow Ireland who came to Canada. We will be working on these families to see what their relationship is and report it in an upcoming issue of the NEWS. As of this moment, we have not determined the exact relationship.

Because of space, I have condensed the info Donald gave me. It contained later generations and charts etc. Our thanks to Donald Shirley for sharing this with us and to Rev. Shirley who compiled it.

James Shirley and Catherine McDonald were in the Old Leighlin Church records in County Carlow Ireland.

MARY SHIRLEY

Married Mr. James Tovey in Perth, Ontario and later moved to Bay City, Michigan. They had three children. They are: Kate, Mayme and Tom.

ANNIE SHIRLEY

Married a Mr. Cuyler of Harrisville. Annie died April 13, 1949 and is buried in Michigan. They had a son, Hazen.

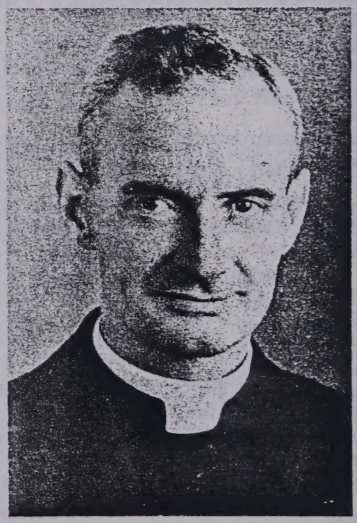
Hazen: He was a famous ball player nick-named Ki-Ki Cuyler who is listed in the Sport's Hall of Fame. He died February 11, 1950.

KATE SHIRLEY

Born February 6, 1878 and married a Mr. Poliquin and later a Mr. Gill. She died April 7, 1950.

Her son: Croswell, Michigan.
Gene – deceased in 1966. Wife - Margaret . . . children: Patricia, Mary & Ed.

Her daughter:
Mrs. Irene Williams - a widow who lives at Highland Park, Michigan.



(Rev.) Father Lawrence Herbert Shirley - son of James Joseph Shirley.

(Rev.) FATHER LAWRENCE SHIRLEY

The recorder of this genealogy was born August 23, 1900 and was ordained a Diocisan priest on June 14, 1930. He worked in many parishes throughout Saskatchewan and is presently living in Saskatoon, Sask. after returning from Creston, B.C.

REPORT ON WASHINGTON AND OREGON SHIRLEY MEETINGS OF JUNE 6 & 7TH

I left my home very early on Thursday, June 4th, and drove to Redding California where my niece, Barbara, lives. I had a coke, and we loaded her things into my rented car, and we were on the road in less that 45 minutes.

The night before I left, Wed., I had called one of my husbands cousins who lives in Ashland Oregon to say I was coming thru and wondered if I could stop in to meet them. They went one better, they invited us for dinner and to spend the night. When we got there, they had a yard full of relatives and picnic tables spread with food they had all brought in. This was such a nice experience on such a short notice. We spent the evening looking at family photos and telling stories.

The next morning we continued towards Washington, stopping occasionally to call Shirleys who lived near the road we were traveling. So few were home. We stopped in Roseburg Oregon and found Brian Shirley in the phone directory. We went to his house and met him and his son, Donald, who was busy doing some carpentry work. We introduced ourselves and asked who their Shirley ancestors were. He said his father was Donald Shirley born about 1898 and his grandfather was Leslie Shirley. He knew they were from Pennsylvania and that was all he really knew.

We traveled a couple of hours more, making a few more stops. When we saw a cute community with several antique shops, I said to Barbara, we deserve a break. Let's take a look around in some of the shops. We allowed an hour for this and how fast the time flew. As we were leaving the town, I noticed one of the shops we had not had time to look in and I said we should take 5 minutes to look in this and then we won't look anymore. We'll just go back to the freeway and away from temptation..HA!

This last shop was where we were suppose to go I guess as I found some items I did not know existed. [I don't know how many of our readers know about **Anne of Green Gables** and that she is **Anne Shirley** in the story books and video/TV production]. Anyway, in this shop I found Anne Shirley doll, and various products with Anne's label. Of course I purchased some of the lesser expensive items for keepsakes. As the clerk was packaging these items we told her we were Shirleys and that we were on our way to hold some Shirley meetings etc. She said one of her part time helpers was married to a Shirley and wondered if they might be coming to our meeting. I left some info and asked her to encourage them to attend. When we came back into Oregon for the Sunday meeting, this couple came up and introduced themselves as that couple and that is how they heard of the meeting. To add to this story, he was a brother of Brian Shirley who we had met in Roseburg, Oregon. We just couldn't get over this coincidence.

In Seattle Washington we met several new to us Shirleys. I was pleased to find Chuck Shirley who is a descendant of the Ambrose Shirley line. I asked him if he knew Captain John Shirley of Annapolis Maryland as this is his line. Chuck did not know of John and I insisted he give John a call. This he did and they have been exchanging information. I have had a very nice letter from Chuck and he certainly has put alot of thought and interest

into his Shirley family since we met him in Seattle this summer.

Another person we met in Seattle was Jack Shirley. After talking to Jack about his family, I realized he was related to Newlin Shirley of Alabama and suggested he get in touch with him. In a recent letter from Jack he says, "Your recommendation that I get in touch with Newlin Shirley was a first rate suggestion. I called Newlin to let him know that Young Jack and I were making plans to be in Georgia and Alabama in July. Newlin became enthused when we talked and plans were made to meet in Rome Georgia. The day we spent together was a highlight of the trip. Newlin shared with us the story of George Shirleys's Bible, pictures and miscellaneous ancestor information. He guided us out to where old George Shirley was buried, we visited with the Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church and had a fine time together. I am enclosing a family portrait of Henry Thomas Shirley, Jr. and family taken about 1904. Henry is the grandson of old George Shirley. The family moved from Fayette Alabama 1904/05 and settled on a piece of land in the neighborhood of Anson Texas not far from Abilene. Enjoyed the get together in Seattle, a nice group of people.We are (my son and I) are planning on Abbeville South Carolina next year." [See Shirley NEWS July 1991 Page 2 & 3 for old George Shirley (b. ca. 1796 family info]. Old George is a grandson of John Shirley and Elizabeth Barmore.

We thank everyone who came to meet us in Washington and Oregon and welcome all of you who are new to the Association. We appreciate all of the new Shirley material you have given us.

L/R: **HENRY JACKSON, ANNA** (sitting), **HENRY THOMAS SHIRLEY JR.**, (father), **EARLENE**, (sitting), **ERA M.** (STANDING), **ELLA** (mother), **JOHN** (sitting in mothers lap), **Lloyd** (standing).

BEGINNING OF MT. PONEY BAPTIST CHURCH IN CULPEPER CO. VIRGINIA

By Barbara Peterson

1774-1779; BEGINNINGS

The Mt. Poney Baptist Church was planted in Culpeper County by David Thomas and Nathaniel Saunders in 1774. At that time His Majesty, King George III, and his parliament were trying desperately to maintain rule over rebellious American colonies. Lord Dunmore, Royal Governor of Virginia, had twice dissolved the House of Burgesses to which Henry Pendleton and Henry Field were Culpeper representatives. St. Marks Parish, under the Rev. Edward Jones, claimed all the religious authority vested in the Established Church.

Dissenters, though growing in number, were harassed in many ways. Dissenters and their meeting houses were required to be licensed and only one meeting house could be licensed in a county. The minister must also pass an examination by a clergyman of the Established Church. In 1768, licenses were no longer issued by counties but had to be obtained from the General Court in Williamsburg. They were issued only twice a year. Regular Baptist ministers were inclined to go the legal path but the Separate Baptists, of whom James Ireland was an adherent, felt "they should obey God rather than man" and continued to preach from place to place with or without authorization. Local bullies, aching for a fight, joined the constabulary in making life hard for dissenters. The patrol was a mounted guard that arrested and punished Negroes found away from home without a written pass from their owners. James Ireland tells of an experience in Culpeper when patrolers were let loose upon negroes in the Sunday congregation. "The poor negroes were flying in every direction, the patrolers seizing and whipping them." At another time, Samuel Harris was set upon by a gang in Culpeper while he was preaching and had to be rescued by friends.

So it must have taken considerable courage on the part of Nathaniel Saunders to co-sponsor the Mt. Poney church for he himself was threatened with arrest in 1770 if he preached in Culpeper and had been imprisoned in the Culpeper jail in September 1773. Nathaniel Saunders had been pastor of the Mountain Run Baptist Church in Orange County from the founding date of 1768 and continued as pastor there until dissolution in 1782. Mt. Poney was taken off from Mountain Run Church in 1774 and Mr. Saunders served as supply pastor during its early years while continuing his ministry with the Mountain Run Church.

David Thomas, the senior co-constituent of the new church, had been the licensed pastor of the Broad Run Baptist Church in Fauquier County since its beginning in 1762. Nathaniel Saunders was among the first seals of his ministry. Thomas' ministry was not confined to one church but was the beginning of theiry years of preaching tours throughout Northern Virginia resulting in many conversions, new churches and the setting apart of young pastors for them.

Laymen also played an important part in laying the ground work for the church. Peter Cornwell, who lived on Broad Run, was one of the principals persuading Thomas to settle in Fauquier County. Allen Wiley of Flint Hill, then part of Culpeper County, brought Thomas to preach in his home in 1763. Later, in 1765, he persuaded Samuel Harris, a Separate Baptist Evangelist, to come to Flint Hill. Violence drove both preachers away. Joining first Broad Run and then Mountain Run, this dedicated man helped to establish these and other churches.

Unfortunately there are few clues to the names of the founding members of the Mt. Poney Church. Semple says 47 members of Mountain Run were sent off to Mt. Poney in 1774. There must have been added converts won in both Regular and Separte Baptist evangelistic tours in Culpeper and neighboring counties. It was not unusual for the Gospel-hungry folk to travel many miles to hear a preacher.

The church got its name from its location on the historic little mountain some two miles out of town. The site was not far away from the base of the hill. The land was deeded by Reuben Long to Anthony Foster and James Jett "for and in behalf of the Baptist Brethren.... & is the place whereon a Baptist meeting house is already erected and known by the name of Mount Poney meeting house. About 3/8 of acre. Price 5 shillings." Dated Feb. 16, 1777 and recorded Feb. 17, 1777.

Mt. Poney joined the Ketocton Association and hosted the meeting as early as 1776, at which time the association represented 20 churches with a total membership of 1,341. The churches of the day were usually small frame buildings, unheated, and the congregation sat on long wooden benches.

Baptists, in general, were on the side of the patriots in the Revolutionary War and we may assume that young men from the Mt. Poney membership were enlisted in the company raised by Cap. William McClannahan. The good captain was a Baptist clergyman living in Culpeper. "His recruits", we are told, "Were principally from his own denomination and in conformity with the wishes of the legislature, who invited the members of particular religious societies, especially Baptists and Methodists, to organize themselves into separate companies, under officers of their own faith."

In the years 1777-1778, John Leland served as pastor of Mt. Poney for a short time. Mr. Leland was a Separatist, orginally from New England. He himself admitted, "My stay in Culpeper was not a blessing to the people. I was too young and roving to be looked up to as a pastor! Difficulties arose, the church split, and I just obtained a dismission and recommendation." Disagreement arose over manner of dress but the chief difficulty was that the church ordained him without the "imposition of hands". This being contrary to the rules of the Ketocton Association, when the church sent its delegates to the next association meeting, they were rejected. After Mr. Leland's departure, the church was readmitted and reunited, Nathaniel Saunders again filling the pulpit.

BROAD RUN BAPTIST CHURCH IN FAUQUIER COUNTY VIRGINIA

This church was constituted on December 3, 1762 by David Thomas and John Mark with ten members being near Broad Run in Fauquier County Virginia. The next day twenty three members were received by baptism and under David Thomas leadership became a center of light. The church continued to grow and in 1764 several Negro slaves were added by baptism.

Broad Run Baptist Church, considered the Mother of many new churches, and David Thomas were responsible for sending members to start:

1765 a number of members moved to Halifax County Virginia
1766 Chappawamsic church started with 55 members of Broad Run
1768 Little River church in Loudon County with fifteen members of Broad Run Baptist Church
1768 Meeting house in Mountain Run in Orange County VA
1771 Meeting house, Pontomac (Hartwood) in Stafford County VA
1773 Meeting house in Brent Town in Fauquier County VA
1774 Mt Poney Baptist Church in Culpeper County VA
[see article in this issue of the NEWS].
1776 Meeting house in Occoquon in Prince William County VA

[Shirleys were members of Broad Run Baptist church and some were dismissed to Culpeper and many of these same Shirleys are to be found in Abbeville South Carolina at Turkey Creek Baptist Church by 1785 when it was constituted. It is interesting to learn about the origins of these churches].

THE TRAVELING CHURCH FROM SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY VIRGINIA TO KENTUCKY

Baptist ministers were persecuted for preaching with out permission in these early times. One Elijah Craig had been imprisoned in Culpeper County VA in 1768. Later he was again imprisoned in Orange County. He continued to preach in Virginia and by 1780, the persecution had subsided. But the Virginia countryside was devastated by the Revolutionary War. The people were anxious to try their fortunes in the new land beyond the mountains.

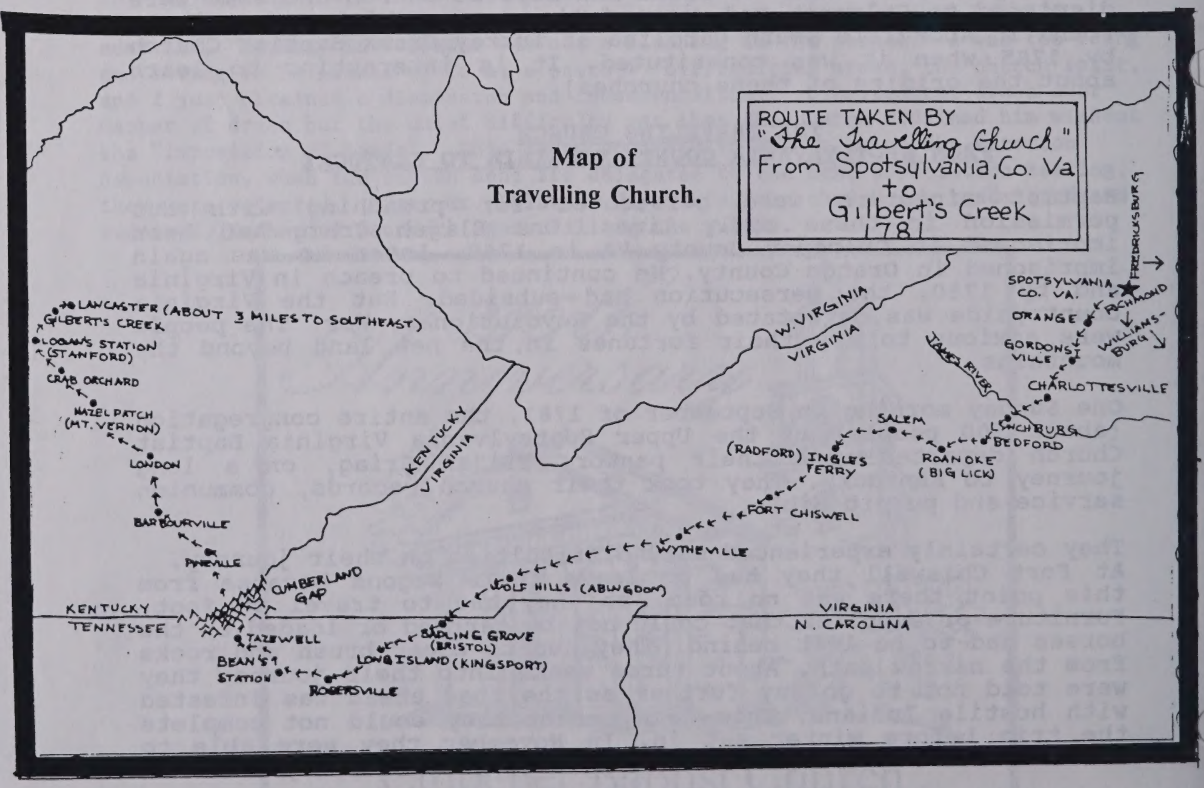
One Sunday morning in September of 1781, the entire congregation (about 500 people) of the Upper Spotsylvania Virginia Baptist Church departed with their pastor, Elijah Criag, on a long journey to Kentucky. They took their church records, communion service and pulpit Bible.

They certainly experienced many difficulties on their journey. At Fort Chiswell they had to leave their wagons because from this point there was no road, so they had to travel on foot. Furniture or supplies that could not be carried or loaded on the horses had to be left behind. They had to clear brush and rocks from the narrow path. About three weeks into their journey they were told not to go any further as the road ahead was infested with hostile Indians. This delay meant they could not complete the trip before winter set in. In November they were able to continue but it was colder and the roads were slippery with mud

with mud or ice and the streams were partially frozen. About the first day of December they crossed the Cumberland Gap. They met with an attack by the Indians and lost some of their cows and horses, but they finally reached Gilbert's Creek in Garrard County Kentucky. They built their homes and established their church. The pioneer members of the Gilbert's Creek Church did not stay there. Many moved on to South Elkhorn, Great Crossings and eventually to Stamping Ground, in Scott County Kentucky.

In 1785, the Baptist Church at Great Crossings was constituted. Elijah Craig became the pastor of this church in 1786. About five years later, 1791, a new preacher, Joseph Reding, moved into the neighborhood. Reding soon became so popular that a large part of the membership wanted him to be their pastor. The interesting thing about this is...Joseph Reding was the pastor of Turkey Creek Baptist Church of Abbeville South Carolina.

[from your editor: I have told this story at most of our Shirley meetings. I found this map in a book that shows this groups travel from Spotsylvania, and thought you would find it interesting. Remember...Shirleys were in these places and members of these early churches].



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England's Country Churches

Continuing the search for the hidden gems in our Christian crown...

by **MATTHEW BYRNE**

Some years ago (*This England*, Autumn 1986) we visited the church at Bredon Hill in Worcestershire. This time we come to the similarly sounding parish nearly 100 miles to the north of that on the Leicestershire-Derbyshire border. The hill referred to in the name of the village is a curious geological structure. The land around here is fairly flat and from a nearly circular base the hill rises steeply to a broad plateau at the top. It looks for all the world like a plum pudding sitting on a plate.

The name is something of a misnomer as far as the village itself is concerned for it sits *under* its hill. Most of the houses are at the base; just a few tentatively climb the lower slope. The church on the other hand is very much *on* the hill, in the centre of the plateau at the summit. It is the more impressive in being alone there in splendid isolation. It is a magnificent site: from below, the silhouette of the church is visible for miles around against the skyline; from the church the view is extensive to all parts of the compass, perhaps 20 miles from north to south and almost as much from east to west. As well as a large grassy churchyard there is plenty of room for car parking and open common ground. Local people come up here to walk or play or simply to sit and admire the view. Fine as this is for motorists and the able-bodied, the position of the church must be a problem for the elderly (and not so elderly!) without cars when they are attending services. Presumably those with cars are generous with lifts.

Such a position attracts men at all stages of history. The hill at Breedon is the site of an Iron Age hill-fort, circa 100BC, whose outlines are still visible, a Saxon monastery, a Norman settlement, and continuous occupation and worship ever since. Position apart, the church is of great interest not only to the average church explorer but to architectural historians as well.

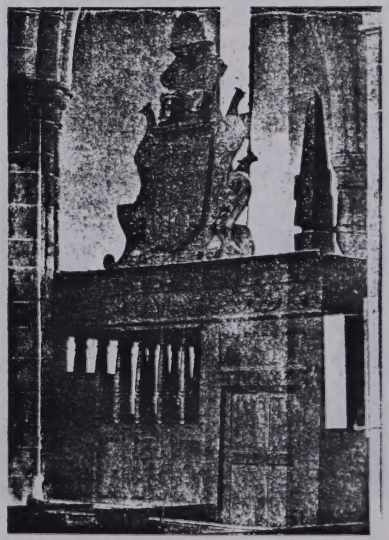
St. Mary's, Breedon-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire

A Saxon Foundation on a Spectacular Site

A Saxon monastery was founded here about 700AD, and the Venerable Bede describes the Mercian monastery at Brindun in his *History of the English Church*. This period has provided a unique legacy, a remarkable collection of Saxon sculpture, over 30 pieces in all. They take various forms: figure sculptures of Christ and the saints; naturalistic and grotesque animals and birds; foliage and interlace friezes of the type familiar from Saxon crosses and manuscripts. They have been, and are, the subject of much scholarly study as to their varied dates and artistic sources.

The Saxon monastery was plundered by the Danes and not re-established until after the Conquest when the Normans founded an Augustinian priory. A parochial church was incorporated within this shortly afterwards. At various times in the Middle Ages the church was further enlarged and altered so that now, as in most English parish churches, there is a fascinating kaleidoscope of architectural history. Identification and dating of the various parts is so much a part of the pleasure of visiting these absorbing buildings. At the time of the Reformation the priory was plundered yet again like all others of its kind. Today no monastic buildings survive above ground, but the church, being parochial, survived and has remained in constant use.

The exterior of the church as we see it today has a compact ground plan, short and broad. This is also reflected within so that although it is quite spacious it has a pleasingly intimate atmosphere. The huge



▷ *The massive 17th-century "horse-box" pew of the Shirley family.*

▽ *While the village nestles below, St. Mary's stands in splendid isolation at the top of a hill which has been occupied for defensive and religious purposes for about 2,000 years.*

give the church a lightness and airiness characteristic of East Anglian churches. The nave is filled with simple but elegant 18th-century box pews. In some churches where these have survived (most were swept away by the Victorians) they can be oppressively tall. Here they are low enough to be quite acceptable for modern liturgy. The pulpit and west gallery are of the same date.

Prominent in one of the aisles is the huge 17th-century pew of the Shirley family who lived at the hall at nearby Staunton Harold. It is made of massive oak panels and posts with florid carving characteristic of the Jacobean period. At eight or nine feet high it completely screens those inside. Heraldic arms take it up another four or five feet. How appropriate is the name "horse-box pews" for this type of structure; contemporary 17th and 18th-century stables of great houses contain stalls which, if not so ornate, are yet not dissimilar. Several interesting monuments also relate to the Shirley family of the 16th and 17th centuries. Whatever the reservations we may have today about the lifestyles of the aristocracy of former times, we cannot deny that they have left much that is interesting and beautiful in our parish churches.

Although this area of the Leicestershire-Derbyshire border has no special distinction scenically, there are several places of outstanding architectural interest within a 15 minute drive of the hill. These include the now famous Calke Abbey, 18th-century "time capsule" home of the Harpur-Crewe family, now owned and restored by the National Trust; the fascinating combination of house and church at Staunton Harold, former home of the Shirley family already referred to and now owned by the Leonard Cheshire Foundation which welcomes visitors at certain times; the little Derbyshire town of Melbourne which has one of the finest Norman churches in England; and Repton church with its unique Saxon crypt, survival of yet another Saxon monastery. It is a pity that because this is not a popular holiday area, these, and so many other places, are not so well known to outsiders as they richly deserve. □

△ *St. Mary's Church, which dates from the Norman and mediaeval periods. The churchyard provides distant views in every direction.*

▽ *One of the pieces of Saxon sculpture in the church, depicting the figure of Christ.*

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REUBIN ADDISON COWAN and CINTHA LUCINDA ADALINE SHIRLEY

Cintha Shirley was born December 17, 1843 GA. and married Reubin Cowan April 3, 1863.

Cintha Shirley was the daughter of George Shirley of Rome Georgia who was the son of John Shirley Jr. His parents was John and Elizabeth Barmore Shirley.

See the July 1981 issue of the Shirley NEWS page 2 and 3 for family info and photos.

Picture and info sent by: Paul J. Cowan

REPORT ON MY JULY/AUGUST TRIP TO ENGLAND AND IRELAND

By your editor...

To all of you who were unable to make the trip to England this summer...I would like to share some of the happenings. You missed a great trip! We had a good trip to many of the places we have visited before. But, as usual, I included a few new stops.

Our group visited Sherwood Forest (Robin Hood country), Oxford, lunched at Chartley across from Chartley Castle ruins. Here we met the **EARL OF SHREWSBURY** and his son, **VISCOUNT TAMWORTH.** This was arranged by our hostess, Sarah, and was a complete surprise to us. We visited Staunton Harold, Breedon on the Hill, Shirley Village and here we had a delicious lunch on the Shirley farm. Sylvia was our hostess and it was so nice of her to open her home to us. From here we went to Stratford upon Avon.

I must tell you a story about what happened at Stratford upon Avon. I pre-arranged for tickets to the Shakespeare Theater before we went to England. We arrived in Stratford on Friday afternoon just in time for a bit of shopping, a hurried dinner, and then to the Shakespeare Theater. I told the group I wasn't going with them, but I walked them there as it was across the street and thru the park from our hotel. I have been there several times and I really needed to study for the Shirley gathering scheduled for the next day at Ettington. I asked my room-mate to ring me from downstairs when she got back from the play so I would know she was back and would open the door...(we had only one key and I had it).

About 10:30? PM the phone rang and she said "have I got news for you!" I thought...what? What could have happened that was so exciting? She rushed in and said, "you are never going to believe who was there! Prince Charles! and your niece got to shake hands with him". (For those of you who know my sister-in-law, Evelyn Shirley, it was her daughter, Verla). Unfortunately, I don't think anyone got a picture as they left the camera in the hotel. I laughingly told the group that when I plan a trip, I include as much as I can to make it exciting, even Prince Charles....HA!

We had a great time at Ettington! We visited and dined with the other Shirleys who came to share the day with us. Major John Shirley had already told me he would not be able to be with us that he would see if Philip, his son, would meet with us. Philip, (who will be the next Lord of the Manor of Ettington), his wife and son, spent most of the day with us. I welcomed the opportunity to meet her and see his son who is next in line after his father to be Lord of the Manor of Ettington. To my surprise, Hugh Shirley, also son of Major John Shirley, came too! I was in shock! (Hugh came a couple of years ago and visited with us in California for two weeks). I wasn't expecting to see him until the following week when I would be visiting him and his parents on Isle of Man.

The following day, Sunday, we departed for a long ride to Isfield Village. This was to be a special day for the church.

The Bishop was coming to dedicate the new alter in the SHURLEY CHAPEL. It was suggested that it would be nice if we could work out our schedule to be there for this special occasion.

On Sunday evening, we dined in a very old former residence of the Shirleys of Wiston. The history of this house is fascinating and I will print it in the next issue of the NEWS with pictures. We had a fantastic meal and our host and hostess were so friendly. It was the first time I had met them.

The following day, Monday, we met our guide, Janet, who showed us around Wiston. We had lunch at Wiston...a first for us, and then we were off to Plymouth where we took the coach on the ferry to Isle of Wight. Janet spent a couple of days with us. I had hired her to go over several weeks ahead of our coming and research the Shirleys and to go with us when we came, so she could show us around. (Thomas Shirley the younger of Wiston went to Isle of Wight after he lost Wiston. Some of his children were born on Isle of Wight).

The next day it was back to London, dinner at the Hatfield house for a medieval feast. The following day was a free day for everyone.

I used this free day to meet Henry Shurley. He has been a member since 1987. He picked me up at the hotel and took me to the area his ancestors lived and what a time I had seeing the places I have only looked at on the map. We wrote about his line of Shirleys in the International NEWS seventh edition in 1989 pages 7 and 8. (You may not have this if you were not a member of the INTERNATIONAL NEWS at that time).

Henry Shurley and I had a most unusual experience that day. He told me he planned to take me to lunch at a pub in the village where his Shirley ancestor was married, Waltham St. Lawrence. He said the pub is usually busy and I want to get there just as it opens. Henry also said that this place was known for buying your drinks by the pound. I laughed and said because you pay for it with the pound...the British pound (money). That was not the answer. When we got to the pub, we were a few minutes early. He turned to me and said, "you see this fenced in area in the center of the village? This is the pound where they kept any loose livestock that came into the village in the old days. You can buy your drinks by the pound!"

I got out of the car, took my video camera to the pound area to take pictures of the village. I spanned the village quickly as there was only the church, the pub, and about five or six houses on the circle. Behind that was farmland, as I recall. I couldn't have taken 20 seconds worth of film. I turned to walk over to Henry who was about 50 feet away, and he was talking to some gentleman. As I approached, I seen Henry giving this person his drivers license. I didn't think to much of it until the man looked at me and asked why I was taking pictures that no pictures were to be taken in this area. I looked around quickly and said I didn't see anything posted. He asked for some identification. I realized this must be an officer. He didn't have a badge on and I had no clue he was. I offered my passport and he starred at it several minutes. I thought sure he was going to ask for my film. He didn't! Thank goodness! I glanced

over towards one of the houses and there was another man dressed in short sleeved white shirt and dark pants. He was standing at attention and starring over at us. Henry told the man that his ancestors were married in this church and he brought me here to see the church. He explained that I travel various countries and places documenting the Shirleys. The man said we could carry on, take pictures of the church but could not take pictures in the direction of the two houses behind him...where the other man was standing.

We went into the pub for lunch as it was open by this time. There was no one in there and no one came to eat while we were there. Two men did come in and stand at the bar having a drink. I kept asking Henry what that was all about. He said he didn't know but it was the first time he has had to show identification in his 60 some years. I couldn't get him to ask the waitress about the situation. He said it was better not to raise their backs. Just before we left, Henry excused himself (to go to the restroom). I asked him if he trusted me to stay there alone. You know I fighting hard not to go over and ask what this is about. He smiled. I assured him I didn't ask. After we got in the car I asked Henry Shurley if he noticed anything unusual about the two guys at the bar. I told him they had a radio or telephone sitting by them. They kept looking our way but sort of out the window that was above our heads. They were looking at the house where the man had been standing earlier. I know they were security or undercover police.

Much later, Henry said he had been thinking about this situation. He said there was only one thing it good be. Either Princess Di or Fergy was in that house. No one else would merit that kind of security in such an out of the way place.

Since I have been home, Henry visited the village. There were no security or police around and the pub was busy as usual. The gardeners were working where the man had stood looking at us.

I spent the following day researching in London. I worked feverishly until I couldn't work anymore that day. I took a cap back to the hotel. The next day I left for Isle of Man to spend a few days with Major John Shirley, his wife Judith, and Hugh. They drove me around the island and showed me many places of interest. We had some good meals together and I enjoyed this very much. I spent some time looking at scrap books and other Shirley materials John has at his home. I took pictures of some items and had Hugh copy a few things for me and he sent them to me later.

I left early Sunday morning, July 26th, and flew to Dublin Ireland where I was to stay with Ivan Shirley and his wife. Unfortunately, Ivan's mother-in-law passed away and the funeral was the day before I arrived. Ivan and his parents and brothers and sisters got together and paid for me a hotel to stay, close to where I wanted to research in Dublin. I really appreciated this as they didn't know how low on funds I was and I would never have told them. My research was costing me much more than I had allowed for.

We had our Shirley gathering on Sunday afternoon. It was so nice to see everyone. I visited with Anne Nosov's mother and family.

(Anne lives in Canada). They told me Anne's husband had passed away. (Anne and her husband were at our June 1991 Shirley Convention in Manassas Virginia). Anne's sister, Betty, and I spent some time talking and she said she was going to visit Anne in Canada August 28th. I just got a letter from Anne saying that Betty died of liver cancer August 19th, one week after it had been diagnosed. I really liked her, and she was so friendly. I am still in shock. It happened so suddenly! Poor Anne, what a summer it has been for her and her family.

I spent Monday and Tuesday researching the records in Dublin and flew back to London Tuesday evening. I stayed in the home of another Shirley family who had attended the gathering at Ettington a few days earlier. Jo had offered to pick me up at the airport in London if I needed her to. I was alittle uncertain of my schedule at that time. I called her from Ireland to see if she could find a bed and breakfast place for me to stay as I didn't have time to find one before I left for Isle of Man. She said that I could stay with her if I wanted. I was very pleased to accept as I had decided I would sleep in the airport that night. Jo and her husband, Chris Shirley, figured out my schedule for taking the tube into London and where to get off at the records office etc. I did one more day of Shirley research just before I came home.

I thank all of you who helped me and who came to the meetings.

What a trip! I felt a little sad to think it was probably my last trip to England. I brought home lots of Shirley data and associated people who I have been interested to learn about in England,...such as the Wiseman and Norris family, etc.

I will print various things in future issues of the NEWS. It will take quite abit of time to organize the data.

I hope you have enjoyed the report on my trip!

NOTE: When I got home, I was tired! I go thru the same thing after any of my trips. You gear up for the trip and then have to gear down when you get back home. About a week after I came home I received a notice of curbside garbage pick-up. They do this twice a year. I decided I was going to take a couple of weeks and sort thru every box in the house, and storage areas too! We have lived in the same house for 36 years! There is clean and then there is clean, but I must admit I have never completely cleaned and sorted all the boxes of odd and ends and old mail and receipts and....you know! Two weeks? HA! I just thought it would be two weeks! It ended up six weeks! I had a yard sale to get rid of things I wasn't throwing away.

Then the political talks began on TV, then the debates and I must have watched every talk show, every spin doctor...as they say, and I couldn't get my mind off of the election. I have never been so politically involved. My husband kept asking why I was so involved with it when I never have been before? I don't know! But the spell is broken now that the election is over. It is going to be hard getting use to saying...President Clinton!

But, at last I am back to work! I will work on the mail as soon as the NEWS is in the mail.

SOME NEWS ITEMS.....

ANDREW SHIRLEY, youngest son of the Earl Ferrer, was married in October 1992 in the Staunton Harold Church. Our congratulations!

FRED YOUNG, drummer for the KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS was also married in October 1992. The wedding took place at the home of Mr and Mrs James Young, his parents. James is descended from the Barren County Kentucky Shirleys. Our congratulations!

WALTER SHIRLEY of Indianapolis Indiana, died October 5, 1992. [Cardiac arrest]. Marion, called to let me know. They have been members of the Shirley Association since 1979, and were our host and hostess for the 1985 Shirley Convention in Indianapolis. Walter and Marion attended the Kentucky Shirley Convention in 1990. (Marion went to England with us in 1986). Walter descends from the Barren County Kentucky Shirleys.

AUBREY WILLIAMS of Little Rock Arkansas, died August 22, 1992. He had an unoperative brain tumor. Aubrey descends from the Bedford/Huntington County Pennsylvania Shirleys. [He was a close cousin of your editors husband. Barbara and I visited with him a year ago when we held meetings in Little Rock]. Aubrey has been a member of the Shirley Association since 1979.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

I would like to call attention to our **SHIRLEY MERCHANDISE** that you may want to consider giving to a SHIRLEY on your Christmas list! The shirts, jackets and pin or necklaces would make an excellent gift! [We could use the financial help!] I still have the costs of this merchandise on my credit card and the interest is adding up.

If you place an order soon, I will get it in the mail the next day after I receive the order. If I am out of the correct size, etc. I will write back immediately, sending your check back or issue a new one if you have ordered other merchandise that I do have. Thank you in advance!

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SHIRLEY ASSOCIATION IS OPEN TO ANYONE WITH SHIRLEY ANCESTORS WHO LIVED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AT ANYTIME!

To join the Shirley Association, please send a check for $20 if you reside in the USA. For UK members it is Twelve British pounds, and $22 US currency elsewhere, for a one year membership.

You will receive 4 issues of the Shirley NEWS. Please send info about your earliest Shirley ancestor. I must have some clues to be able to help you. I need their name, county and state they were born or lived and approximate time they were there. Their spouses name would be helpful too!

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CANADIAN SHIRLEYS

The Shirley population in Canada is not as large as it is in the United States It appears many of those in Canada are descended from the Shirleys of Ireland, primarily, Kilkenny and Carlow Counties.

[Refer to the 1992 Summer issue Shirley NEWS page 3 and 4,
the third edition of Shirley NEWS INTERNATIONAL page 3-5
the sixth edition of Shirley NEWS INTERNATIONAL page 4-7
the eighth edition of Shirley NEWS INTERNATIONAL page 9-12].

There was a **JAMES SHIRLEY** born Dec 21, 1784 Bellmouf House, Parish of Moth Hill, County Kilkenny, Ireland. He married Nancy Berry Dollaway. They were in **New Brunswick Canada** by 1826.

Mary Barnett (who I met in Washington in June 1992) said James borrowed money on his land to build a ship, Rising Sun, to take lumber to England. The ship and lumber burned before he sailed.

Mary said James Shirley received a land grant in **Amherst Nova Scotia.**

Frederick Shirley wrote me in 1987 that his grandfather was Clifford Shirley and they lived in **Fortune Bay, Newfoundland.** Frederick still lives there but the others had moved away to **Nova Scotia**, some to Boston and also Sydney. (I don't know where this family originates).

Mrs. Mackrell wrote that her great grandfather was Thomas Shirley, a sea Captain from England who settled in English **Harbor West, Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, Canada.**

The **James Shirley who came from Ireland to America** about 1730 and settled in New Hampshire had great grandchildren who were born in Canada about 1836. They were in **Melbourne and New Brunswick.**

There are settlements of Shirleys at Shirley's Bay, Ontario near Ottawa, on Calumet Island, P.Q. and Douglas Ontario according to info in the booklet given to me at the Washington Shirley meeting this summer.

From your editor...

Our member, Don Shirley of **Sask. Canada** went on the trip to England with us this summer. He descends from the County Carlow Ireland Shirleys. He had never been to Ireland as his family has been in Canada several generations. I suggested he go to Ireland after we completed our tour of England and visit County Carlow and come to our Shirley meeting in Dublin. He did and I am pleased he was able to meet several Shirleys at the meeting who lived in that area.

Don said, he and his friend Kathy, took a cab to visit the old church where his ancestors, William Shirley and Elizabeth Kidd were married Dec. 15, 1806. The cab driver was very friendly and gave them a tour of the area with commentary. I'm sure Don will cherish this trip. He said it was a trip of a life time.

SPIRIT OF JEFFERSON Farmer's ADVOCATE - Thursday, February 14, 1991

Shirley's Career Turns Toward Films

Local ventriloquist and Jefferson County native Mike Shirley has signed a two-year, non-exclusive contract with Sharf Talent Management of Staten Island, N.Y., an agency that has booked thousands of persons in commercials, print ads, soap operas, T.V., and movies, and has rubbed elbows with such celebrities as Robert Urich, Merv Griffin, and Pierce Brosnan. After he submitted his portfolio, Shirley was asked to visit New York February 3 for an interview. Company President Adele Sharf, impressed by Shirley's talents, asked Shirley to sign the agreement allowing Sharf to act as personal manager in Shirley's new career in films.

SENT BY: Julia Creamer of West Virginia

We'd like to know more about him. Can anyone tell us what branch of the Shirleys he descends?

REPORT ON GERMAN RESEARCH ON SURNAME SCHALLY/SHALLY ETC.

I received a letter from my researcher in Germany who said the following:

"I checked the records of Marienthal Palatinate and only could find the marriage record of 1719 which you already have. The Thierwasen records (Rockenhausen and Ernsthausen) do only go back to 1690. Also the Marienthal records go back to 1694.

Therefore, I cannot prove if this ancestor was born there or when. There are two possibilities. Either he was born before 1690 or he was born in another village. Maybe Switzerland. There is no surname Schally or similar spelling living in Rockenhausen now".

I received the following from one of our readers...

From VA Genealogy Vol V Reprint... about von **Scholley**

Curt Leopold v. Boyneburg gen. Hohenstein, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel Jost, was born at Reichensachsen ca. August 18, 1609. About 1629/30 he married Sabine Sibylle v. Boyneburg gen Hohenstein, daughter of his first cousin, Jost Christoph, by his first wife, Sibylle von **Scholley.**

Sibylle von **Scholley** was descended from a family which first appeared in the documents in the Mark of Brandenburg (in the eastern part of the Empire) 1402. Henning van **Scholley** migrated westward to Hessen about 1500, became a chamberlain to Landgrave Philipp the Magnanimour and a colonel in the army, and was present at Worms in 1521 when Martin Luther made his courageous defense before Emperor Charles V and the princes and prelates of Germany. Henning's son, Colonel Otto George von **Scholley** (1526?-1583), Commandant of the Kassel Fortress, married for his second wife, Sibylle Knoblauch zu Hatzback, from whose family was descended the illustrious German writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. They had three children, of whom Philipp von **Scholley** (1576-1657) was President of the Old Hessian Knighthood, and Sabine (1579-1642) was the wife of Jost Christoph v. Boyneburg gen. Hohenstein, as stated above.

From editor:

I suggest going to the library and getting this book for continued reading if the Schally etc. name is of special interest to you. A couple of paragraphs down from the above material, states Karl Wilhelm Rubenkam (1701-1748), the third son of Philipp, married Barbara Rittenhouse, great granddaughter of Wilhem Rittinghausen (1644-1708), the founder of the American papermaking industry and the first minister of the Mennonite Church in America. Jacob, son of Karl and Barbara, migrated to Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. He served in the Revolutionary War in the 8th Virginia Regiment..[A **James Shirley** also served in the 8th Virginia Regiment].

Thank you Jere for sending us information on the von Scholley name. This could be a form of the name Schalley. The areas mentioned are the same for both spellings.

WARD FAMILY

From Genealogy of Virginia families Vol. V Th-y

The earliest recorded mention of Seth Ward is as follows: By order of Court 11 Feby. 1632 that all such planters or persons whatsoever who shall have no land due unto them by adventure or otherwise, should have certain quantity granted unto them by lease for 21 years, therefore under this provision, to Seath Ward, of Varina, in the upper parts,planter, three score acres of land in the upper parts in corporation of Henrico; adjoining **DANIEL SHERLEY,** Powhatan's Three, Three mile swamp.
Dated May 30, 1634.

[Daniel Sherley came over as a servant of Thomas Osborne in the Bona Nova in 1619 from England].

A marriage between the Shirleys and Wards took place before 1805 as Thomas Shurley in Spartanburg County South Carolina mentions his grand-daughters, Matilda, Abigail and Cynthia WARD and Frances WARD was deceased in an 1809 legal document. I presume Frances was Frances Shirley WARD, mother of the three girls.

SHIRLEYS OF IOWA, OHIO AND NEBRASKA

From: History of the State of Nebraska, 1882
Sent by: Gary Shirley

Sutton, Clay County Nebraska

William Shirley built and run the first hotel. He came from Lincoln Nebraska Dec 7, 1871 and built the hotel in February 1872.

John W. Shirley, broker and loan agent, was born in Hancock County Ohio March 14, 1833, and resided on a farm until sixteen years of age, when he went to California, where he resided for twenty-two years, during which period he was engaged in mining in that State and Arizona, and was also for eight years engaged in the cultivation of hops. He came to Sutton, Nebraska, in October 1874 and at once established himself in this business; in connection with this in 1877, he built an elevator, and for two years conducted a grain business. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1876, and re-elected in 1878 and 1881. He was married in California to Mary Powers in 1860. She died in 1871 leaving two children, Howard and Annie. Mr. Shirley married again at Sutton Nebraska in October 1876 to Mary B. Detwiller, a native of Virginia; they have three children, John M., George and Marril.

[The above Shirleys appear to belong to Daniel Shirley [who married Nancy Flynn] group from Morgan County West Virginia].

ADAMS COUNTY NEBRASKA

SAMUEL J. SHIRLEY, Postmaster, news depot, etc., was born in Cedar County Iowa February 21, 1843. At six years of age he removed with his parents to Le Claire, Scott County Iowa and resided with them until fifteen years of age, when he went to

Warren County Illinois and resided with his brother. On July 31, 1862, he enlisted in the eighty-third Illinois Infantry, Company C, service three years. he was wounded in the left wrist at Fort Donelson Febr. 3, 1863, and again at Budd;s Creek, Tennessee, October 28m 1863, by a rifle bullet passing through both cheeks. When discharged he held the rank of First Duty Sergeant. After the war, he went to Benton County, Iowa, whence he was engaged in farming until he came to Juniata, and was for a year engaged in conducting a restaurant. In the fall of 1874, was elected Justice of the Peace, and held the office for about four years, and during the last two years of that period also resided on and attended to his farm. He now owns some 240 acres in the county. Mr. Shirley was appointed postmaster at this place in Oct. 1881, and entered upon his duties November 1' also opened news depot at that time. He was one of the organizers of Company F, First Regiment Nebraska National Guards and was appointed Regimental Quartermaster on staff of Col. l.W. Colby in June 1881. Mr. Shirley was married in Benton County Iowa June 20, 1877 Abby Carr, a native of Providence, Rhode Island. That have five children, Lena, Louie, Lily, Burt and Edith.

[Samuel J. Shirley is the son of Ambrose Shirley].

BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY

Sarah "Sally" Shirley born ca. 1819 married Samuel Rennick July 18, 1819 Glasgow, KY. He was the son of James Wright Rennich born ca. 1776 in Fauqier Co. VA and Margaret "Peggy" Lattimore born 1781 Scotland. **[Who was Sarah Shirley's parents?]**

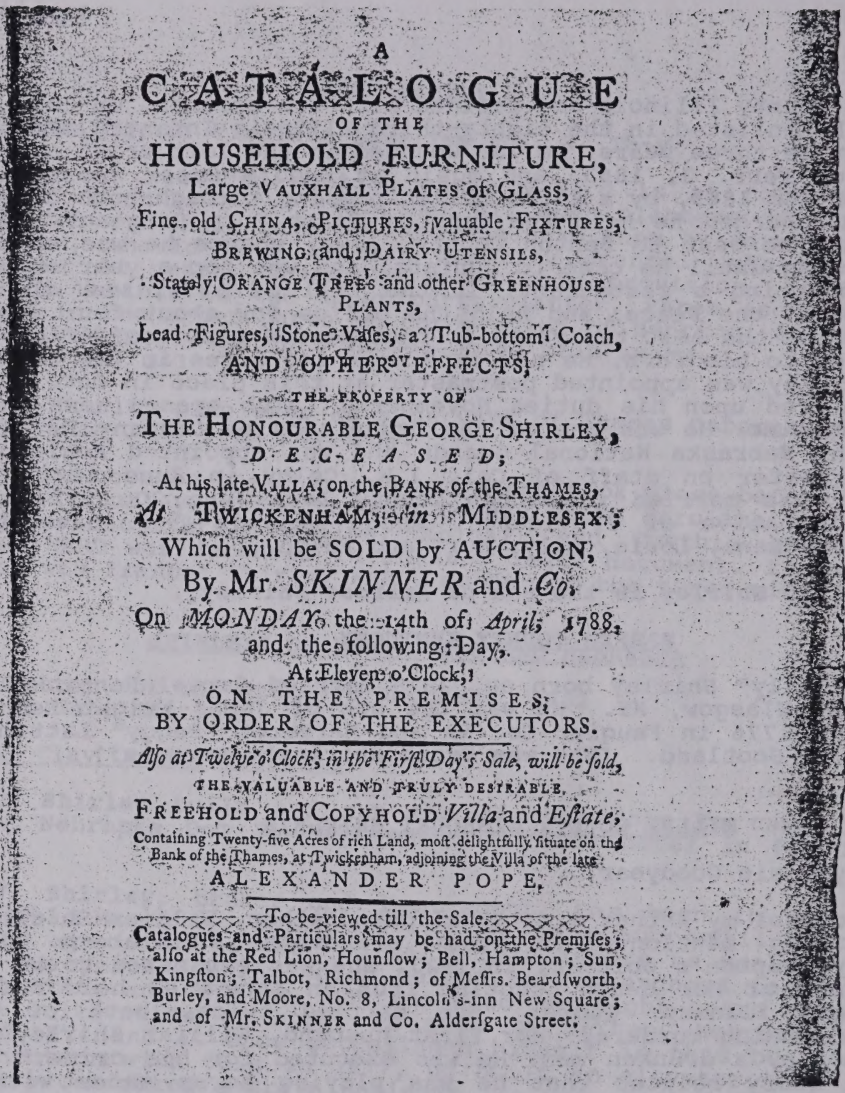
MILLER COUNTY MISSOURI SHIRLEYS

Sent by Elsie Goodyear...

The story of my father's maternal grandfather, William Shirley's murder was mentioned in great grandmother Elizabeth Clark Shirley Hampton's obituary in 1923. She was estimated to be 107 years old at her death. Quoting from an interview held before her last illness, Quote: "She married twice, both of her husbands being murdered. Her first husband, William Shirley was murdered by a drunken man. He was executed for his crime." The family story relates that he was playing horse shoes with a group of friends, one of them was drunk, a fight ensued and William was stabbed to death.

Elizabeth lived with us when I was small. I remember her showing the blood-stained shirt he was wearing when he was killed. She kept it wrapped in paper in her trunk.

Elizabeth was a young widow, with two small children, Martha Jane and Elizabeth, and lived in Miller Co. Missouri during the War between the states. She fell in love with a young soldier, they were to be married, but he was killed in a battle. A few months later she bore his daughter. A short while later William's parents abducted Martha Jane and moved away from the area. They felt Elizabeth had disgraced the family. She did not see her daughter again for 40/45 years. When they met Martha Jane had ten children, including my father, and most of them were grown.



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From your editor...

The Honourable George Shirley was son of Robert Shirley, first Earl Ferrer. He served as a Page to Queen Anne.

He and his wife, Mary Sturt, lived at Ettington and TWICKENHAM in MIDDLESEX.

Poppy Ward of New Zealand shows William Rolfe Shirley was born ca 1853 Twickenham, Middlesex. His father, also William Rolfe Shirley, was born in 1824 Staines, Middlesex. In 1861 census, this William Rolfe Shirley was listed as a veterinary surgeon and in the 1871 census he is shown as a dealer in horses.

Poppy descends from William Rolfe Shirley. Her family lineage with story can be found in the third edition of the INTERNATIONAL SHIRLEY NEWS page 1 and 2.

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THE ANGLO-SAXON SHIRLEY'S

DATA GATHERED BY YOUR EDITOR FROM VARIOUS SOURCES WHILE RESEARCHING IN ENGLAND IN 1992.

Only three families are said to be able to trace their lineage in the male line to an Anglo-Saxon Domesday forebear. The SHIRLEYS are one of those families.

The history of the most ancient Anglo-Saxon surname SHIRLEY reaches far into the chronicles of the Saxon race. The Saxon Chronicle, compiled by Monks in the 10th century, now reposes in the British Museum.

The Saxons, a fair skinned people, were invited into England by the ancient Britons of the 4th century. Their home was in the Rhine Valley, although some were as far north-east as Denmark.

The Saxons settled in the county of Kent, on the south east coast of England. Gradually, they spread north and westward, and during the next four hundred years, forced the Ancient Britons back into Wales and Cornwall in the west, and Cumberland to the north.

The Angles occupied the eastern coast, the south folk in Suffolk, and the north folk in Norfolk.

Under Saxon rule, England prospered under a series of High Kings, the last being Harold.

In 1066, the Normans invaded from France and were victorious at the Battle of Hastings. The Saxons who had remained in the South were not treated well under the hostile Norman rule. They moved northward to the midlands, Lancashire and Yorkshire areas to get away from the Norman oppression.

In 1070, William the Conqueror took an army of 40,000 north and wasted the northern counties, forcing many rebellious Norman nobles and Saxons to flee over the border into SCOTLAND.

DICTIONARY INTERPRETATION OF ANGLO-SAXON

***ANGLO-SAXON*: 1. A member of one of the Germanic people (Angles, Saxons, and Jutes) who settled in Britain in the fifth and sixth centuries. 2. Any of the descendants of these peoples who were dominant in England until the Norman Conquest of 1066. 3. Any person of English ancestry.**

***ANGLES*: A member of a Germanic people that migrated to England from southern Denmark in the fifth century, founded the kingdoms of Northumbria, East Anglia and Mercia, and together with the Jutes and Saxons formed the Anglo-Saxon peoples.**

***ANGLO*: Indicates English or England.**

SAXON: 1. A member of a West Germanic tribal group that inhabited northern Germany and invaded England in the fifth with the Angles and Jutes. 2. An Englishman as distinguished from an Irishman, Welshman or Scot. 3. A native or inhabitant of Saxony.

SAXONY: 1. A former region with undefined boundaries in northwestern Germany. 2. A former duchy, kingdom, and electorate in central Germany. 3. A former province of Prussia in central Germany.

JUTES: A member of any of several Germanic tribes, some of whom invaded Britain and settled in Kent in the fifth century. People of Jutland.

Jutland: A peninsula of northern Europe, comprising mainland Denmark in the north and Schleswig-Holstein, West Germany, in the South.

SHIRLEYS FROM SCOTLAND

Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning, and History.
By: George F. Black, Ph.D.

Shirley, Shirlaw, Sherlaw, Sheirlaw. Of English origin, but as here shown the name has had a long sojourn in Scotland. There are places named Shirley in Derbyshire and in Warwickshire, from either of which the name may have come.

Walter de Skirlawe and his men had a safe conduct in England for a year, 1370 (Bain,IV, 160). Nicol Schirlaw was "maid commoun herde" of the burgh of Lanark, 1488 (Lanark, p.1). Matho Scherlaw and Alexander Scherlaw, followers of the Earl of Cassilis, were respited for the murder in 1526 (RSS., 1, 3386), and William Schirrilaw was one of those hanged in 1570 for holding Paisley against the King and his regent (Diur. Occ., p. 201). Walter Schirilaw was admitted guild brother of Glasgow, 1610 (Burgesses). Janet Sherrilaw is recorded in Corro-Mylne parish of Lesmahago, 1673 (Lanark CR), and David Skierlaw appears in Eyemouth, 1792 (Lauder).

SCOTLAND SHIRLEY'S to ONTARIO CANADA to USA

Robert Shirley b. July 10, 1824 Lanarkshire, Scotland, died March 5, 1896 Allerton, Wayne County Iowa. Wife: Betheiah b. ca. 1825 Scotland, died Feb 15, 1885.

Children in 1880 census of Wayne Co. Iowa:

1. David D. b. ca. 1856 Canada
2. Margurite b. ca. 1859 Canada
3. James R. b. ca. 1861 Canada
4. Isabelle B. b. ca. 1863 Canada
5. Janette b. ca. 1866 Canada
6. Grace R. B. ca. 1871 MO

David D. Shirley b. ca. 1856 Canada, married Lena Morgan and they had only one child, Jean, born in Iowa. She married Chester Tharp in Denver Colorado in 1912. Their son, Chester Tharp, born in 1914, sent the following about his family.

The Shirleys came to Ontario Canada and lived in a log cabin in the country.

Mother said one of her uncles was maybe 18 years old and never had shoes. He took beef hide to a tannery on his back and then the leather to a shoemaker who made him shoes. The shoemaker kept the leather as payment.

Mother told me about one of her uncles who dreamed he was going swimming in a creek. He stood up in the bed and dove off on to a rough hued log floor. Guess that woke him up!

My mother and father are buried in Manola Alberta Canada. Janette and Grace were school teachers and lived together in Colorado Springs Colorado. They were old maids, they never married.

Grace is buried in Colorado Springs CO. I met her in 1944 when I was at Buckley Field Colorado, training for the Air Forces. Janette was already deceased.

From editor: I looked for Robert Shirley in the records I have for Lanarkshire Scotland. The only Robert I have that is close in age to the above Robert is one christened April 19, 1829 Lanark to William Shirley and Christian Ross.

WASHINGTON SHIRLEY, 8TH EARL FERRERS married Frances Ward July 24, 1781 Gretna Green, Dumfries, SCOTLAND.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SHIRLEYS FROM IRELAND/SCOTLAND ?

James Shirley b. ca. 1649, came from Ireland about 1730 and settled in Chester, New Hampshire.

James Shirley and his ancestors may have been a native of Scotland, according to his descendants. They believe he with his parents may have been among the exiles driven from Scotland in 1669 under the persecutions of James Graham of Claverhouse, who was the tool of James, Viceroy of Scotland, and brother of James II. These immigrants from Scotland were Presbyterians, (as was the James Shirley family).

In 1612, many of the their ancestors had settled in Ulster Ireland on lands confiscated upon the overthrow of the Earl of Tyrone, who rebelled against James I. This immigration kept up until 1641, when the hatred of the natives had so increased that it culminated in an attempt to exterminate the entire Protestant population. In the attempt, 40,000 Protestants were slain. The massacre was avenged by Cromwell, who for the first time brought Ireland to England's feet.

For forty years more the Scotch and Irish lived side by side in the north of Ireland, always hating and always at feud with each other.

The expulsion of James II from the throne of England in 1688 was followed by the accession of William III and a new religious war in Ireland, the Catholic Irish supporting James and the Presbyterian Scotch rallying about the standard of William.

It was during this turbulent period, 1690-91 that the famous siege of Londonderry occurred. William triumphed, and in the battles of the Boyne and Aughrim, the cause of James and the Catholics were overthrown. But the brave defenders of Londonderry fared but little better than their Catholic besiegers. The acts passed, in the interest of the Church of England, bore as heavily against the Scotch Presbyterians as against the Irish Catholics.

Many emigrated, and among the number was the faithful band that settled Londonderry in New Hampshire USA. They sailed in five vessels and landed in Boston Massachusetts Aug 4, 1718.

That winter they passed in Casco Bay, suffering terribly. The next year they heard of Nutfield on the Merrimack, settled there, and renamed it Londonderry. Thence they spread, and they and their children became the pioneer settlers of Derry, Chester, Windham, Bedford and Goffstown.

James Shirley arrived in Chester in 1730, age 76, bringing a full grown family. Some of the family lived in Goffstown. Descendants living NY, MA and PA in 1800's.

[Info from booklet sent by members of this branch of Shirleys]

NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION

Week End of

June 12, 1993

St. Louis Missouri

at

EXECUTIVE INTERNATIONAL INN
4530 North Lindbergh Blvd.
Bridgeton, Missouri 63044

Please write to the Shirley Association for a Convention reservation form, if you didn't receive one. For overnight accomodations, please contact the Executive International Inn at (800) 325-4850 or (314) 731-3800. Mention the Shirley Association for better rates.

The St. Louis MO Genealogical Society's 24th Annual Fair is Sat. June 19, 1993, one week after the Shirley Convention. Thought I would mention it as some of you might like to spend some time researching in the St. Louis area during the week and attend the Fair on Sat. If you are interested, contact the Society at (314) 968-2763. There is a charge to attend. Their address: 9011 Manchester Rd #3, St.Louis MO. 63144-2643. Info from: Betty L. Shirley.

SHIRLEY'S FROM CHAMBERS CO. ALABAMA TO TEXAS

James Madison Shirley, born about 1835, was the son of Hezekiah Shirley. Esther Shirley was the mother of Hezekiah. His father's name is not known. Esther appears in the will of Rebecca Shirley, wife of John Shirley who was born in 1738, Culpepper County Virginia. He died in Laurens County South Carolina. John Shirley was the son of Richard and Mary who came from Virginia to South Carolina and received a land grant about 1738.

James Madison Shirley was married and had three children when he was in the Confederate Army in the Civil War. He and another soldier became very hungry while on patrol duty. They came to a farm house that had a lot of bees and decided they would rob one of the hives. James opened the lid and got some honey. The bees stung him so bad his arm was swollen double in size by the time they got back to camp. They told the officer that he had injured his arm. He was given leave to go home until his arm was better. The story goes that this is when his wife, Margaret, became pregnant with James Madison Shirley, Jr.

He was in the Battle of Vicksburg Mississippi. When the war was over and he was headed for home, there was no food to be had anywhere. He came to a small stream and could see where the deer had been crossing. He climbed into a tree just above the trail and waited until a deer came by. With only a knife as a weapon, he jumped on the deer. He had deer for super but he would laugh and tell how he didn't have a stitch of clothes on when the battle was over.

Robert Columbus Shirley b. Feb 1860 Chambers Co. Alabama, son of James Madison Shirley, married Mary Frances Fletcher Dec 14, 1880 in Coryell County Texas.

CHILDREN all born in Texas

1. *Wm. Columbus Sept 1881*
2. *Sara Elizabeth Feb 1882*
3. *Annie March 1884*
4. *Martha March 1885*
5. *Eugenia June 1886*
6. *Alice Sept 1887 d.1888*
7. *Ellie Mar 1889*
8. *Emma Sept 1890*
9. *Joel July 1992*
11. *Nora June 1895*
12. *Dora June 1895*
13. *Stoney July 1898*
14. *Wm. Luther May 1900*
15. *Inez*

10 Alvin Valentine Jan 31, 1894 Coryell Co. TX d. 1963 buried in Westwood, Los Angeles CA. He married Vesta Fay Warren. He fought in France in World War I. Their son is Bill Shirley and he was a pilot for American Airlines. He retired in 1991. [Credit to Mildred Shirley & Jere Fletcher for the information].

PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX

1619 **Daniell Sherley**, 30 yrs., Virginia
1623 **Lidia Sherley**, - Virginia
1624 **Susan Sherley**, - Virginia
1678 **William Shirley**, - Barbados
From: author, John Camden Hotten's THE ORIGINAL LIST OF PERSONS OF QUALITY; Emmigrants; Relligious Exiles; Political Rebels; Serving Men sold for a term or years; Apprentices; Children Stolen; Maidens Pressed; and others who went from Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600-1700.

1622 **Ensigne Sherley**, - Virginia
From: Colonial Records of Virginia. LISTS OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD IN VA., February 16, 1623.

1633 **Robert Sherley**, - Maryland
From: author, Hester Dorsey Richardson's THE ARK AND THE DOVE PASSENGERS. [Side-Lights on Maryland History].

1715 **Elizabeth Shirley**, - America
1744 **Mary Shirley**, - America
From: author, Peter Wilson Coldham's ENGLISH CONVICTS IN COLONIAL AMERICA. Volume 2: London 1656-1775.

1774 **John Shirley**, - America
From: author, Peter Wilson Coldham's ENGLISH CONVICTS IN COLONIAL AMERICA. Volume 1: Middlesex 1617-1775.

1818 **Benjamin F. Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1825 **Cephas Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1844 **John Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1846 **John Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1846 **Robert Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1856 **Hugh Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1868 **James Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1868 **Frederick Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1868 **John Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1870 **Joseph Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
1870 **M. James Shirley** - Philadelphia PA
From: United States Works Projects Administration. Index to Records of Aliens' Declarations of Intention and/or Oaths of Allegiance, 1789-1880, in United States Circuit Court, United States District Court, Supreme Court of PA, Quarter Sessions Court, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia. Compiled by W.P.A. Project #20837. Sponsored by PA Historical Commission. [The Shirleys above are in: volume 10; letter S, page 166.

1822 **Edward Shirley**, 31 yrs, New York NY
1822 **Esther Shirley**, 27 yrs, New York NY
1821 **Mary Shirley**, 48 yrs, New York NY
From: Untied States Department of State. Passengers Who Arrived in the U.S. Sept. 1821-Dec. 1823.

1874 **John Shirley**, - Texas
1874 **William Shirley** - Texas
From: Trevia Wooster Beverly, compiler, INDEX TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS - GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, 1855-1907.

INFORMATION SENT BY: Lucille Tilton

FROM: MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM BAPTIST NEWSPAPERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1835-1865, Compiled by: Brent H. Holcomb.

Issue of December 22, 1847

Married on Wednesday, 8th December, by Professor James C. Furman, Mr. **John R. Shirley** to Miss Martha Ann, daughter of Col. George Leitner, all **of FAIRFIELD CO. SC.**

Issue of August 25, 1852

Married on Thursday the 5th inst., by the Rev. W. W. Rollings, Mr. **John R. Shirley, of FAIRFIELD CO. SC.** to Miss Mary Ann, third daughter of Alexr. Fewell, Esq., of Ebenezerville, York District, SC.

Issue of October 22, 1862

Died on Sunday, October 5th, **Sallie McMeekin**, third daughter of **John R. and Mary Ann Shirley,** aged 6 years and 7 months.

FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE JULY 1900 ISSUE, page 223.

Rules of the St. Cecilia Society, Agreed upon and finally confirmed, November 22, 1773.

This Society was actually organized in 1762 but it appears the above date is when the first organized rules were made.

[A few items found in the rules I found interesting to note here]. It will consist of 120 members and they will be charged 20 shillings currency towards defraying the expense of the dinner. The Society will elect a Pres., V.P., Treas., & Steward, and 11 other members, residents in **Charlestown SC** who with the forenamed officers shall be constituted Managers for the current year. and...in case any member, a resident of Charlestown, shall, upon his election, refuse to serve as Officer or Manager of the Society, such person so refusing, if an Officer, shall pay a fine of 10 pounds currency; if a Manager, a fine of 5 pounds currency; and the Society shall proceed to another election.

The first mention of the St. Cecilia Society was found in THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAZETTE for Monday, November 30, 1767. It mentions a meeting of the Society which had taken place on Tuesday, November 24th, when Alexander Garden had been elected President; David Oliphant, Vice President and **THOMAS SHIRLEY**, Treasurer.

FROM THE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE of October 1902 Volume 3, #4 page 232.

Among the mutilated records of "Deeds and Landgrants" for Virginia in 1681 is a grant to Elizabeth Otey, in New Kent, of property formerly belonging to **Elizabeth Shirley**, deceased, by virtue of the will of her father, **Richard Shirley**, and deeded to Elizabeth Otey, heir of the whole blood to Elizabeth Shirley, Jr., deceased.

Information sent by: Gary F. Shirley

MEMORIES OF MY "GROWING UP YEARS" ON THE OLD HOME PLACE IN HOWELL CO. MISSOURI

By Catherine (Shirley) Sigler

The old place was in the SHIRLEY family many, many more years than even I knew.

Frances (MEADOWS), (Shirley), Jarrett, my gr gr grandmother deeded it to Thomas P. Shirley, my gr grandfather, and he deeded it to Orville William Shirley, my father.

I lived there until I married. It lies 1/2 mile or so from the Free Union Cemetery where my family, from Thomas P. Shirley on down, are buried. I don't know where John or Frances are buried.

I remember my father telling me about an awful tornado that blew away the first house when he was a small school age child. I can remember seeing the huge rocks that were the chimney to the fireplace. He said it took dishes and such right up the chimney.

My great grandmother, Elizabeth (Keel) Shirley was Cherokee Indian. I forget if he said half or full blood.

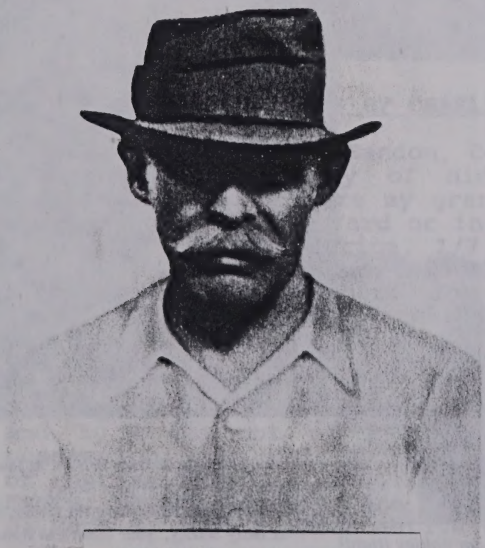
My father told me about working in the oil fields around Cleveland Oklahoma when he was a young man and seeing the famed "Doc Holiday" on the street there. My father worked in the Almond orchards around Paso Robles California for awhile.

We lived for a period of time in the Boston Mountains of North Arkansas below Jasper. I think it was for my grandmothers health.

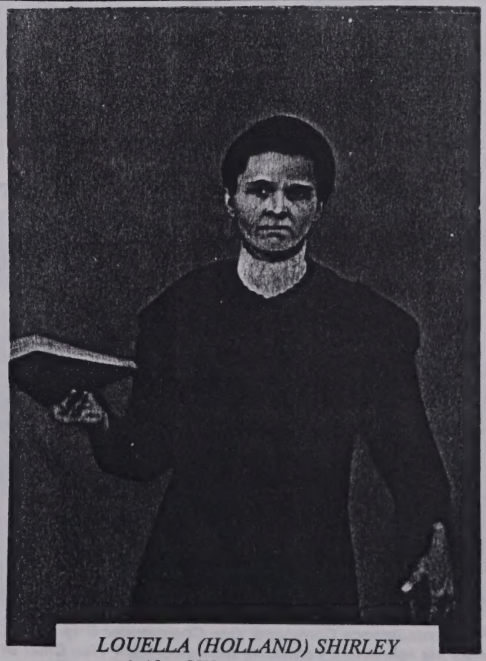
My father was the Justice of the Peace for a number of years in the 1930's/40's. I remember the first marriage he performed. It was for our neighbor's girl.

By the time I came along, all that was left of my fathers family was he and his two sisters.

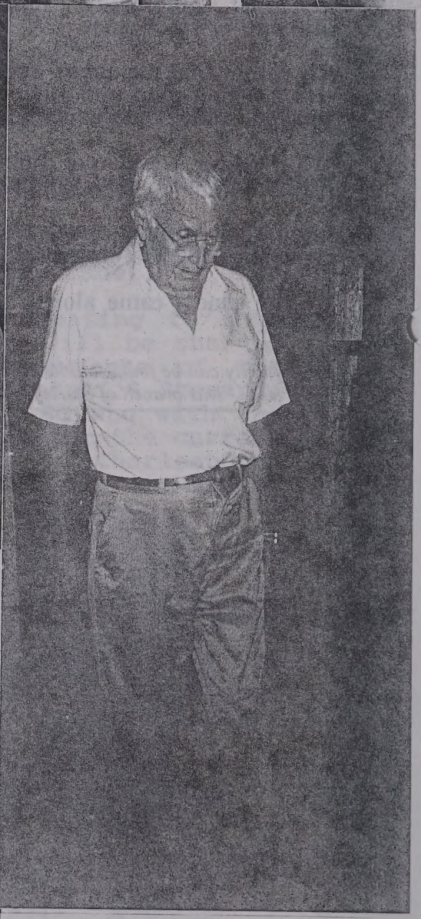
[This family can be found on the cover of the Summer 1991 NEWS and a related family on the cover of the Fall 1991 issue. This branch of Shirleys was in White County Tennessee in the early 1800's].



WILLIAM WARREN SHIRLEY
(son of Thomas P. Shirley)



LOUELLA (HOLLAND) SHIRLEY
(wife of Wm. Warren Shirley)



USAF photo by Jeff Marshall

Air Force Intelligence Command Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Graham Shirley (right) receives his retirement certificate from Assistant Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Thomas McInerney at Lackland AFB, Tex. General Shirley retires with more than 3,000 flying hours to his credit, including 200 combat missions during the Vietnam War.

1. Anne Bumpus & Betty Shirley, at James Young's
2. James Young & Elwood Shirley
3. Anne Nosov, Sister Carmel Claxton, (Shirleys) & Betty Shirley, (your editor), in Ireland.
4. Fletcher Shirley of Georgia, (GA. Shirleys).
5. Graham Shirley was with us at 1986 Celebration in England. (Nov '92 clipping from Alan Laub).

EDWARD BENNETT OF LONDON AND VIRGINIA

by John Bennett Boddie

Edward Bennett, Merchant of London, had an important part in the early settlement of Virginia which the early Virginia histories do not mention as they were more concerned with the changing political life of the day, rather than the actual physical settlement of the colony.

Edward Bennett not only established the first large plantation in Virginia but he and his family sent over at different times about 800 immigrants. He was the owner of a fleet of vessels which traded with Virginia. He was Commissioner of Virginia at the court of England and was the first person to advocate the prohibition of the importation of all tobacco to England except Virginia tobacco. His plantation in Isle of Wight County resulted from the following action taken by the London Company of Virginia. At a meeting of the Virginia Company, Oct 24, 1621, the Deputy Governor mentioned: "That the first patent was for a gentleman that had deserved singularly well of the company before he was a member thereof. And since his admittance he had been att a verie great charge for transporting of people to Virginia, namely Mr. Bennett who now joyns himselfe in the business with Mr. **WISEMAN** and Mr. Ayres."

On Nov 21, 1621, Edward Bennett obtained this patent for a plantation conditioned on settling of 200 immigrants. His associates were Thomas Ayers, **Thomas Wiseman** and **Richard Wiseman.**

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY VIRGINIA

Thomas Shurley helped appraise the estate of Robert Cannon. Aug 23, 1736. Will Book 4 page 134

Court of December 12, 1694, Mr. Henry Balser and Captain Henry Tooker exec. in trust of last will and testament of Ralph Sherley, deceased.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS OF CHARLESTON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Samuel Carne, late of Sandon, County of Essex [England], but now of Kensington, County of Middlesex [England], Esq., to be interred in vault where my grandfather Samuel Clarke was buried in Paddington Church Yard or in my family vault at Sandon. Wife: Catherine, now in America, 1/7 part of estate of George Paddon Bond during her life, residue of my estate in America. Son: Samuel Charles. Brother: John Carne. Brother-in-law: George Paddon Bond of South Carolina in America, Esq., lately died intestate possessing considerable land there; .....etc. Mrs. Elizabeth Calvert (wife of John Calvert) of Charles Town; expenses of voyage of my wife to England from America; to **Thomas Shirley** of Coleman Street, London, merchant, all my manuscripts and 30 books out of my library and my picture now in his possession; Mrs. Shirley, wife of said Shirley; Edward Neufville of Charles Town; .....etc.
Exors; **Thomas Shirley**; Ann Andrews.
D: Sept 8, 1786 P: Prerogative Court of Canterbury Jan 2, 1787.

Edgar Janney Shirley

Article sent by:
DONNA LEE SHIRLEY

Life

Winchester Star
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Saturday, June 20, 1992

Father Edgar Deaf Shirley
Mother Minnie De Haven
Daughter of Mark De Haven
Born Frederick County, VA.
on Hunting Ridge

90 Years Old, 100 Wild Shirts

By TINA SKINNER
Star Staff Writer

The eating and celebrating went on longer than the first Thanksgiving.

Finally, on Wednesday, the celebrating of Ed Shirley's 90th birthday drew to a close, two days and three parties after his June 15 birthdate.

You might say the Winchester resident is a popular man, but that would be an understatement. A little man with a grin as big as the space between his ears, Shirley has got more friends than you can shake a barbecued hot dog at.

Ed (short for Edgar) Shirley has got women feeding him and men pulling up chairs all the time, all in hopes of soaking up a bit of this man's sunshine. They buzz around him like moths around a lamp. And he buzzes right back.

Shirley is a people person, and real busy being one.

He was among the first to arrive at his own birthday party sponsored by Frederick County Parks and Recreation at Clearbrook Park to help get the charcoals cooking. Then, when a van arrived from the Northern Frederick County Club, Shirley went, quick as a flash, from the barbecue pit on one side of the picnic shelter to the other side so he could help the ladies.

Shirley is the long-standing president of the Northern Frederick County Club, and a member of three of the county's four senior citizen clubs—it's a ticket to more meals, jokes Jann Hardy of Frederick County Parks and Recreation.

Hardy thinks Shirley is extraordinary. "Most people I know who are 90 aren't out doing things," she said, adding, "he's so colorful."

Indeed, on Wednesday Shirley showed up in polyester splendor, with a shirt that would have muted Tom Selleck's best Hawaiian wear. He has more than 100 shirts on a rack at his home on Fairfax Lane, he said, many of which he picked up at flea markets.

"I see these loud things, and I like them. I've got a lot of wild things," Shirley said. "I like stretch things too," he says, pulling the front of his shirt out so all could marvel at its elasticity. Then he pulled his pointy collars out like wings. "These long-tailed things, they'll come back in style some day," he said.

That comment came from a model of men's fashions, at least hair-wise. For years, Shirley had a barbershop on the south side of Piccadilly Street between Cameron and Loudoun streets. He's still cutting a few curls in his home, including his own white mane.

Shirley was born and raised on a farm on Hunting Ridge near Greenspring. He learned his trade, he says, "shearing sheep and trimming mule tails."

He started cutting hair when he was 22 and got married two years later to Sallie. They had a marriage that others describe as a best friendship for 52 years, going everywhere together, fishing and hunting especially.

Shirley has a cottage—"That ain't a cabin, it's a cottage. I've heard disreputable things about cabins"—on Hunting Ridge, and he spends a lot of time there.

Star Photos by Ginger Perry

Ed Shirley, 90, snaps his suspenders to show off a colorful shirt at a birthday party in his honor on Wednesday at Clearbrook Park where he also flipped the burgers under the watchful eyes of Lois Wismer (left) of Winchester and Marie Roberts of Inwood, W.Va.

"I stay outdoors most of the time," he said. "I'm no housekeeper, if you visit me you'll see what I mean. But I have got a pretty backyard—lots of roses in it."

Shirley has been a widower since 1978, and jokes that he'd like to have another woman, "just to cook for me and stuff like that." However, he'd never need to pick just one. There are plenty of women doing just that for him now.

Like the ladies who came to his party at Clearbrook Park. Many, when asked about Shirley, recited his favorite foods.

"He likes rabbit to eat, if you cook for him," says Joyce Chrismore, who lives near Shirley's cottage. "We used to raise rabbits, and I used to fix him one and take it to him."

"He especially likes fish," says Maddie McCarty, who figures she's known Shirley for 60 years. "I used to have him out to lunch every two weeks, we really enjoyed being with him."

His niece, Lois Wismer, makes sure Shirley gets plenty of fish. "I fry it for him, and all he has to do is heat it up," she says.

It might sound like Shirley is getting too old to cook and feed himself. To the contrary, his biggest meal of the day is breakfast, and he cooks it up himself—hotcakes and bacon and eggs. The works.

Rather, all this eating is just a way of socializing for Shirley, who obviously thrives on company.

"Hey, Ed, I had fresh peas out of the garden.

"I'll have to come over and help you eat peas," Shirley offered.

"I knew you'd say that," said his young friend and neighbor of 68.

As for eating, Shirley says, "I like to talk to people better than I like to eat."

Still, at the Clearbrook party, after everyone else was served, he finally settled himself down to one of the hamburgers he helped grill. And then he tried each of the three cakes that had been made for him for the occasion, along with the coconut custard pie.

Shirley is "a fine young man," says Rose Baker, a friend for many years. "He used to be one of our bowling buddies, but he's given up bowling now."

What he hasn't given up are hunting and fishing. And he still keeps bees—three hives right on his back porch. "I like sweet things," he says.

He's a regular at Braddock Street United Methodist Church, though he's late every Sunday, according to his niece, and with the Old Stone Church Memorial Association—the church in Greenspring where most of his family is buried.

And he hasn't given up his sense of humor.

"Folks, hey, listen to me," he calls out at the Clearbrook party. "Get on your feet there, round 'em up into a circle," he directs, calling the two dozen people into assembly for a prayer. Then he leads a hymn, says a short prayer.

FROM EDITOR: While researching in England last year, I came across the following article. It's very interesting. I'd like to share it with you. The article concerns **Servants to Foreign Plantations from Bristol England.**

On 29th September 1654 the Council of the City of Bristol enacted an ordinance requiring that a system of enrolment be set up to record the names of all indentured servants embarking from the port of Bristol for service overseas. On the very next day the first entry was penned in what was to become the register known as *Servants to Foreign Plantations*. The need for a scrupulous tally arose from the long-standing and notorious practice of kidnapping, inveigling, and bribing youngsters onto ships bound for the labour-hungry colonies, there to be sold at good profit. Nor was the practice without weighty precedent, for as early as 1619 the State had connived at the rounding up of vagrant children in London and their forcible shipment to Virginia; but when private enterprise adopted similar measures, the State took exception and prosecuted those responsible. Nevertheless, forcible shipment of servants, indentured or not, continued apace. An Order of Parliament of 9th May 1645 required officers and justices to exercise diligence in apprehending those responsible for the kidnapping and shipping of children, and the City Fathers of Bristol may, perhaps, be considered negligent in having allowed nine years to pass before regulating these matters.

The 1654 ordinance acknowledged that many complaints of kidnapping had been made and, "to prevent such mischief," ordained that "all boys, maids and other persons which for the future shall be transported beyond the seas as servants shall, before their going a shipboard, have their covenants or indentures of service and apprenticeship inrolled in the Tolzey *(i.e. Council)* Books." The enrolments were bound in leather covers to form two volumes, the first ending on 24th March 1662/3, and the second starting on 26th March 1663 and ending on 26th August 1679. Throughout that period of twenty five years the entries appear to be complete with the possible exception of 1673 when the middle months of the year seem unnaturally thin. From 1679 to 1686 (and with the exception of the years 1681-1683 inclusive for which only two entries survive) details of some, and possibly all, indentured servants destined for overseas were written into a rough book with the title *Actions and Apprentices*. Some of the entries duplicate and overlap in date those to be found in the registers, and the very untidy and scribbled notes suggest that the contents may not be comprehensive.

This decline from the previously high standards set by Bristol has an interesting sequel. Judge Jeffreys' "Bloody Assizes" took him in 1685 to Bristol where he condemned many hundreds involved in Monmouth's Rebellion to be transported from that port to Barbados. On the same occasion he took the opportunity of castigating local merchants and magistrates for their evil practices. A contemporary wrote: "There had been a usage among the aldermen and justices of the City where all persons, even common shop keepers, more or less trade to the American plantations, to carry over criminals . . . and to sell them for money. This was found to be a good trade but, not being content to take such felons as were convicts at their Assizes and Sessions, which produced but a few, they found out a shorter way which yielded a greater plenty of the commodity. What small rogues and pilferers were taken and brought [before the court] were put under terror of being hanged . . . and some of the diligent officers attending instructed them to pray transportation as the only way to save them, and for the most part they did so. Then no more was done but the next alderman in course took one and another as their turns came, sometimes quarreling whose the last was, and sent them over [to America] and sold them." Jeffreys formed the opinion that all the justices and aldermen (including the mayor) of Bristol were tainted by this practice. When he discovered that a boy from one of the city's prisons had been illegally transported he summoned Sir William Hayman, the then mayor, to the bar, accused him of complicity in the crime, fined him £1,000 and bound him and three others over to appear before the King's Bench on further charges of kidnapping the King's subjects for servitude overseas. But, runs the account, "the prosecution depended until the Revolution [of 1688] which made an amnesty; and the fright only, which was no small one, was all the punishment these juridical kidnappers underwent, and the gains acquired by so wicked a trade rested peacefully in their pockets."[1]

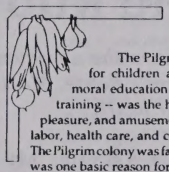
Of the total of just over 10,000 emigrants recorded in this book, all but a small handful were labourers, husbandmen or tradesmen, most from the West Country, the West Midlands, and Wales but with a fair sprinkling of intending emigrants from much further afield including London, Cambridge, Lancashire, Scotland, Ireland, France, and even from the American colonies themselves. While many undoubtedly arrived in Bristol having already indentured themselves to overseas service, there is good reason to suppose that a great number came there speculatively in order to seek a considerate master to sign them up on the spot. We get some idea of what terms a good indenture provided from certain of the earliest entries in the registers: a five or seven-year agreement would typically promise the servant, at the end of his or her service, a house, an axe, a year's provisions and double apparel, and sometimes a few acres of land. This, of course, was in addition to the provision of free passage. But it should not be assumed that all servants received such generous treatment nor indeed that all went voluntarily on shipboard; from surviving notes it is clear that errant children could be packed off to the colonies by their parents or guardians, and there is further evidence (see the entry for 20 July 1659) that passengers could be forcibly detained on board ship.

The amount of detail recorded against each name in the registers varied. At the beginning it was plainly the intention to identify the place of origin of each servant, but the practice probably became tiresome as the numbers increased and, by 1661, most entries were abbreviated to show only names of servants and masters, length of service contracted for, and destination. Matters improved again in 1670 when the names of ships were often included, but this custom also lapsed until late in 1675. Every effort has been made to provide an accurate transcription of all the salient information in the registers, and the only liberty taken has been to render the names of towns and villages into their modern form. To judge from some of the curious entries encountered, the geographical knowledge of the scribes employed at Bristol was limited. There is no certain way of knowing whether they made their original entries by copying from the indentures or by writing down what they heard. The neat and orderly appearance of the two registers strongly suggests that they contain fair copies of entries taken from rough notes (in the same way that most parish registers were compiled) - thus increasing the chances of faulty recording but ameliorating the task of the latter-day transcriber!

The story of how the registers were discovered after 200 years in dusty obscurity is one beloved of archivists. When, in 1925, the Corporation of Bristol decided to rebuild the ancient Council House, the storerooms on the top floor were cleared of a mass of old records and, behind an ancient wall-press, were found the two volumes called *Servants to Foreign Plantations*. These provide a unique record of indentured emigrants who shipped from Bristol, then the premier English port for emigration. Within four years of their discovery R. Hargreaves-Mawdsley published a severely summarised transcription under the title of *Bristol and America*, and that slim volume has well served a whole generation of historians and genealogists. Nevertheless, researchers have long known that the book, despite four reprints, contains a large number of faulty transcriptions, omits much material essential to a proper comprehension of the subject, and lacks adequate indexes. It is those reasons which have dictated the preparation of the present volume.

Peter Wilson Coldham
Purley,
Surrey.

AMDG
Easter 1988.



The Pilgrim Family

The Pilgrim family, a school for children and servants -- for moral education and for vocational training -- was the hub of spiritual ties, pleasure, and amusement, and a center for labor, health care, and community welfare. The Pilgrim colony was family-oriented. This was one basic reason for its success.

The Pilgrim families, reeling under the blows of the Great Sickness the first winter, demonstrated their loyalty to the orphans as they quickly took in the homeless children.

Religion was an integrating force and creative leaven in the Pilgrim family. The precepts of the Bible, which was in almost every home, established standards of conduct and faith, a panoply of belief under which men and women faced the testings of birth, sickness, death, housework, farm labor, hunger, sorrow, and joy.

Special days were set apart in time of crisis, "solemn days of humiliation by fasting, etc., and also for thanksgiving as occasion shall be offered (Bradford in Of Plimoth Plantation)." Children of the soil, dependent on sun, wind, and rain, these people worked the earth with their hands and lived in tune with the rhythm of nature. On the fringes of the unexplored forest and the shores of an ocean with its ever-changing moods, their dependence upon the natural order of the creation of their sovereign God profoundly influenced their wilderness life.

Family lifestyle followed an enviably simple pattern. Every family member performed a variety of daily chores: cooking, curing meat, drying fruit, spinning, weaving, mending, sewing, tapping shoes, repairing tools, making soap, churning butter, preparing seed for planting, hoeing, weeding, reaping crops, storing the harvest, chopping wood, feeding fires, carrying water, building and maintaining shelters for man and beast, caring for cows, goats, sheep, pigs, and chickens. The constant work required to increase the security of the household left little time to entertain the temptations of idleness or self-indulgence.

At least eight months out of the year, the inviting outdoor world offered an outlet to relieve family tensions. They hunted in the forest for turkey, partridge, quail, and deer, and in the lowlands for ducks and geese; fished in the ponds for perch, bass, and pickerel, and from a dory on the ocean for cod, haddock, and sole; and gleaned along the beach for clams, quahogs, scallops, and oysters.

Although limited in facilities and luxuries, the family offered stability in the frontier world, a haven of companionship. In these self-sustaining homes, family members preserved and stored away grain and legumes, vegetables, smoked meat and fish, dried fruits, nuts, wool and flax for weaving, candles for light, and wood for fuel. These preparations nurtured pride in the household enterprise and a unity of spirit as members pooled their labor for a common good. Such efforts at planning and self-protection gave the family a feeling of confidence that together they could meet life's challenges.

As the center for teaching morality, the home was an extention of the meeting-house in building Christian character, inculcating spiritual values, and setting the example for righteous living. Regular churchgoing and daily prayer and Bible reading supported the family priority of admonishing and guiding the youth and disciplining the unruly. The unity of the family upheld the morale of the colony and created a sustaining faith rooted in the spiritual values of the Bible.

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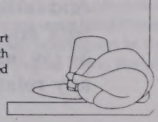

Could these be Anne Shirley's ancestors?

As we know, Anne Shirley was a fictitious character created by L. M. Montgomery's imagination. But often, for inspiration, LMM drew on the people, events and landscapes that were a part of her life. This summer our office received a call from Betty Shirley of Cupertino, California asking the question: "Why did the author give Anne the surname Shirley?"

Mrs. Shirley is fascinated with the topic of genealogy and has researched extensively her husband's family, the Shirleys. Mrs. Shirley went on to say that she has searched through her records to see if she could find a Shirley family living on Prince Edward Island during the author's life time but didn't find any. She did find Shirleys in the neighbouring provinces of New Brunswick and Newfoundland, and in the nearby states of Maine, New Hampshire and New York in the mid-1800s. She speculates that there could be other records that she doesn't have, but so far nothing has shown up. Mrs. Shirley thinks that LMM must have been in contact with or had a relative who was a Shirley. "Anne's surname had to have come from somewhere! I doubt it was just made up." Mrs. Shirley asks that if any of our readers, know or have any ideas on this, to please let her know.

What Anne knows of her "Roots"

Marilla was determined to return the unrequested girl orphan to Mrs. Spencer. On the buggy ride from Green Gables to Mrs. Spencer's house, Marilla asked Anne what she "knew about herself", and heard a story that was to soften her heart.

"I was born in Bolingbroke, Nova Scotia. My father's name was Walter Shirley, and he was a teacher in the Bolingbroke High School. My mother's name was Bertha Shirley. Aren't Walter and Bertha lovely names? I'm so glad my parents had nice names. It would be a real disgrace to have a father named—well, say Jedediah, wouldn't it?"

"I guess it doesn't matter what a person's name is as long as he behaves himself," said Marilla, feeling herself called upon to inculcate a good and useful moral.

"Well, I don't know." Anne looked thoughtful. "I read in a book once that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but I've never been able to believe it. I don't believe a rose *would* be as nice if it was called a thistle or a skunk cabbage. I suppose my father could have been a good man even if he had been called Jedediah; but I'm sure it would have been a cross. Well, my mother was a teacher in the High School, too, but when she married father she gave up teaching, of course. A husband was enough responsibility. Mrs. Thomas said that they were a pair of babies and as poor as church mice. They went to live in a weeny-teeny little yellow house in Bolingbroke. . . I was born in that house. Mrs. Thomas said I was the homeliest baby she ever saw, I was so scrawny and tiny and nothing but eyes, but that mother thought I was perfectly beautiful. I should think a mother would be a better judge than a poor woman who came in to scrub, wouldn't you? I'm so glad she was satisfied with me anyhow; I would feel so sad if I thought I was a disappointment to her--because she didn't live very long after that, you see. She died of fever when I was just three months old. I do wish she'd lived long enough for me to remember calling her mother. I think it would be so sweet to say 'mother,' don't you? And father died four days afterwards from fever, too. That left me an orphan and folks were at their wits' end, so Mrs. Thomas said, what to do with me. You see, nobody wanted me even then. It seems to be my fate. Father and mother had both come from places far away and it was well known they hadn't any relatives living. Finally Mrs. Thomas said she'd take me . . ."

Anne of Green Gables, Chapter V

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MAJOR-GENERAL SIR THOMAS SHIRLEY, SON OF GOVERNOR WILLIAM SHIRLEY OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Like Payne and Burt, his immediate predecessors as the Governor of the Leeward Islands, Thomas Shirley was born in the West Indies — in the Bahamas in his case — and came from a distinguished military family.

His father, Major-General William Shirley, was Governor of Massachusetts from 1741 to 1757 and planned the Cape Breton expedition of 1745. He was then appointed Commander-in-Chief of North America in 1755 and returned to the Bahamas as an able and popular Governor from 1758 to 1768. He died in 1771 at the age of 77 after 40 years of active service having refused a Knighthood.

Of his three sons, two died on active service in North America leaving only Thomas who joined the Army in 1745. He served at Louisburg, Minorca and Belle Isle, and then as a Lieut-Colonel in Portugal. He married Anne, granddaughter of Mary who was the sister of Sir Richard Shirley and a direct ancestor of Thomas. He later asked for the revival of the title in himself and was created a Baronet in 1786.

Thomas followed his father as Governor of the Bahamas from 1769 to 1774 and then replaced Sir William Young as Governor of Dominica. When the French took that island in 1778, he managed to escape and was appointed Captain-General & Governor-in-Chief of the Leeward Caribee Islands on April 4, 1781.

He gallantly went to the assistance of the heavily out-numbered British troops at St. Kitts in 1782 taking men from the Antigua militia with him. Article 17 of de Bouille's terms of capitulation to the French read:

> "Out of respect to the courage and determined Conduct of Generals Shirley and Vaughan ... they will not be considered as Prisoners of War ... a mark of our particular esteem".

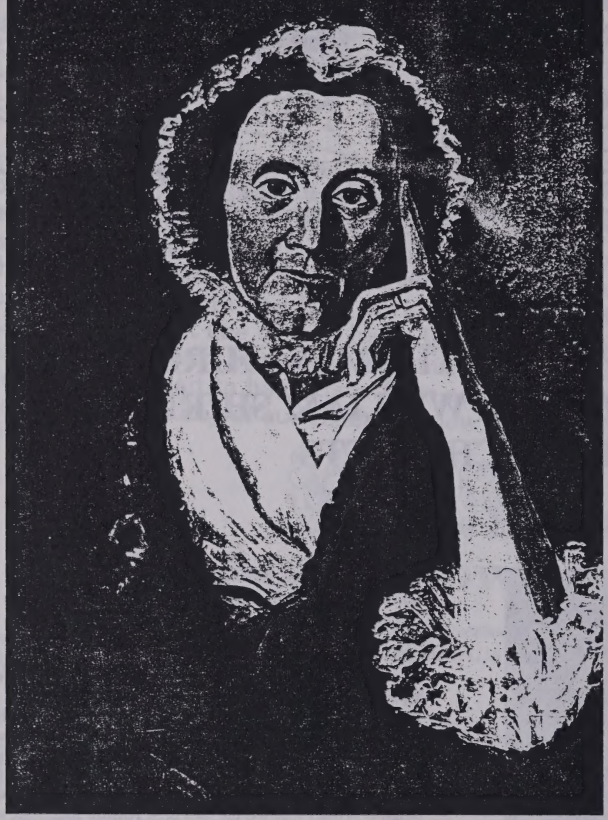
Allowed to return to Antigua, he remained there until 1788. As a last duty, he reviewed the troops on May 29:

> "The manoeuvring was well performed; and notwithstanding the many disadvantages they must necessarily lay under from the heat of the climate, went through their evolutions much to the satisfaction of the General, the officers and numerous spectators" *John Luffman*

He returned to England and died at Bath in 1800 aged 72. Always a tolerant man, an amusing atory is told of an incident with Nelson when he rebuked him for being perhaps too zealous in blockading trade with the newly independent American colonies. "Old and respectable officers of high rank resent being dictated to by 'very young gentlemen' " said the General. Nelson retorted that he was as old as the Prime Minister, and as capable of commanding his ship as Pitt was in governing Britain.

Selina Hastings

by Judy Groff



The Countess of Huntingdon used her noble rank, her wealth, and her influence for the Lord

In eighteenth-century England, the time was right for God to move. Conditions were so bad that many despaired for the country. Upper and lower classes alike had given themselves over to sin. Drunkenness, lewdness, violence, and wickedness of every sort abounded.

Efforts were made to bring about reform. Penalties for crimes were made increasingly severe and were strictly enforced. The death penalty was meted out for some 160 offenses, and prisons were packed. Laws were passed against the sale of gin. Societies were established for improving morality and for educating the people. But instead of improving, conditions became worse. Men's efforts were valiant and commendable, but futile. Their failure proved once again God's word: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit."

And God did move by His Spirit to bring revival. In the process, He raised up two men and one woman as especially useful instruments in His hand. The two men were the evangelists George Whitefield and John Wesley. The woman was Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon.

Born Selina Shirley, on August 27, 1707, she was the second of three daughters of Washington Shirley, second Earl of Ferrars. Her serious nature kept her from some of the vanity and sin many of her rank indulged in. By the time she married Theophilus Hastings, ninth Earl of Huntingdon, in 1728, she had a reputation for being virtuous, courteous, prudent, and religious.

But her religion was only an appearance. Her prayers, fasts, and works of charity were attempts to quiet the nagging voice in her heart, the voice that had first begun to speak when she was nine years old. It was then at the funeral of a girl her own age that Selina first pondered the sin of her heart and thought on eternity. For many years she was burdened with the knowledge of her sin. She tried to change her own heart, and at times she believed that she had.

But soon the Holy Spirit again worked conviction in her heart, and during one period of special unrest that even affected her health, He pointed her to the answer to her problem of sin.

Her sister-in-law, Lady Margaret Hastings, who had recently been saved, came to visit. Lady Margaret testified to an experience of the "new birth" and said that she was as "happy as an angel" since she had found salvation in Christ. Selina saw for the first time the emptiness of her works and recognized that it was Christ and His work alone that could save her. When she looked to Christ, she finally found the peace she had been seeking for so many years.

Though Lady Huntingdon had lived a very exemplary life before her salvation, her friends and family noticed a marked change after her conversion. She became an outspoken witness for Christ. Wherever she went, she testified of her salvation. She soon developed an acquaintance with the Wesleys and Whitefield, identifying herself with the Methodist movement. She and Lord Huntingdon attended the evangelists' meetings. Lord Huntingdon apparently was never saved, but was tolerant toward the beliefs of his wife and resisted the suggestions of friends that he "unconvert" her. He died in 1746, leaving Lady Huntingdon a widow at the age of 39.

After the death of her husband, Lady Huntingdon wanted to serve the Lord more actively than she had before. Since Whitefield was in America at the time, she sought advice from Howell Harris, another evangelical preacher. Harris says, "She consulted me about which was . . . best, to live retired and give up all, or fill her place, and I said the latter I thought was right."

Lady Huntingdon took Harris' advice to "fill her place," and it soon became evident that the Lord had put her in that place and had prepared her and provisioned her to fulfill His special purposes. Like Phebe described by Paul in Romans 16, Lady Huntingdon became "a servant of the church" and "a succourer of many."

The church in her time needed much help. The Church of England was fast succumbing to apostasy. Most of its clergymen were unprincipled and ungodly men who cared nothing for the souls of their parishioners. Very few of them knew anything of Christ. The Nonconformist churches (Baptists, Presbyterians, and Independents) had lost most of their vigor and were further weakened by strife and division.

The Lord began His work of revival within the Church of England with Whitefield and Wesley,

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both ordained Anglican priests. It was not long, however, until they faced opposition from within the church. Pulpits were closed to them, and they had to take to the open fields. Young men of their persuasion who were studying for the ministry found it difficult to get a bishop to ordain them, and some were expelled from school for their evangelistic activities.

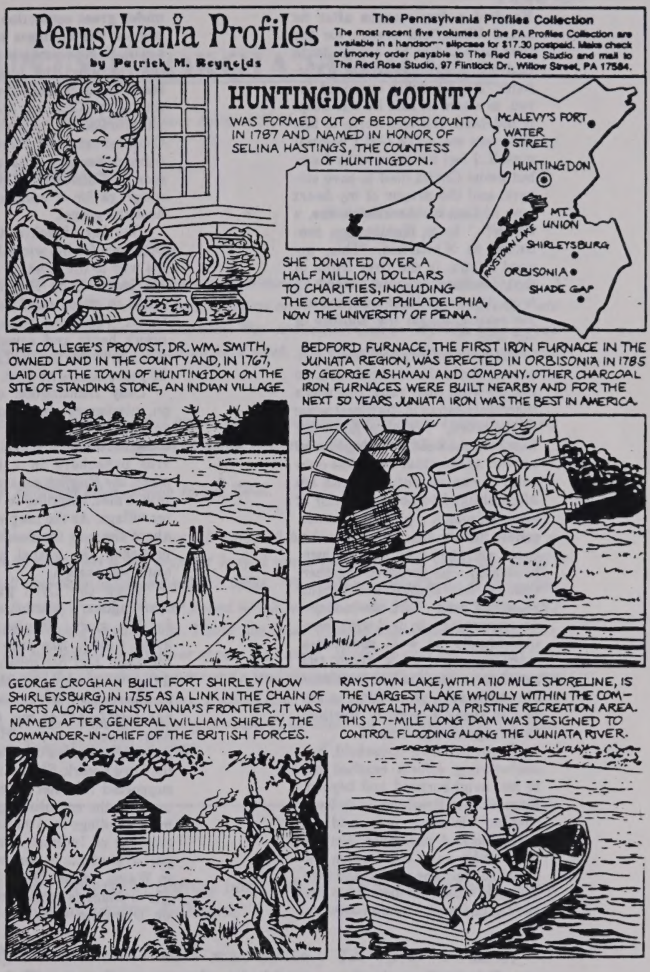
It was to aid His ministers in such difficulties that the Lord especially prepared Lady Huntingdon. She was often known to quote Paul's words in I Corinthians 1:26, "Not *many* mighty, not *many* noble, are called." And then she would say, "I bless God that it does not say, 'Not any!' " Among those few of noble rank whom the Lord has called, the Countess of Huntingdon served her Saviour well. As an English peeress she had influence, opportunities, and wealth available to few.

One of her privileges as a peeress was to appoint men as her chaplains. She used this privilege to provide the evangelical clergy with places to preach when many others were closed to them. Over the years, she opened chapels in almost 60 locations, a number of them in favorite vacation spots of the wealthy. The chapel in Bath had a curtained recess near the door where bishops and other clergy could sit in secret and hear the gospel. It was dubbed "Nicodemus' Corner."

Lady Huntingdon often used her influence at the Court to good advantage for the work of Christ. At times the mobs became especially unruly—stoning the evangelical clergymen, pelting them with mud and throwing them into ponds, breaking into their houses and ruining furniture—and the magistrates were doing nothing to stop them. Lady Huntingdon wrote a letter that found its way to the king describing the behavior of the magistrates. The king ordered the magistrates to give protection to the preachers.

On another occasion when Charles Wesley and others were in Ireland and were charged with being vagabonds (a serious offense with serious consequences), Lady Huntingdon's influence at Court saved them from being "transported." In Wales, a magistrate was fining people for attending services. When Lady Huntingdon made the government aware of this persecution of the people, the magistrate was ordered to stop harassing the people and was forced to refund their money.

The Lord put Lady Huntingdon in her position not only to help the ministers of the gospel, but to spread the gospel herself. Her zeal for souls was one of her most striking qualities. One who has studied her life says, "For intrepidity in the cause of God, and success in winning souls to Christ, Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, stands unequalled among women."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HUNTINGDON COUNTY
WAS FORMED OUT OF BEDFORD COUNTY IN 1787 AND NAMED IN HONOR OF SELINA HASTINGS, THE COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON.
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SHE DONATED OVER A HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO CHARITIES, INCLUDING THE COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA, NOW THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNA.
THE COLLEGE'S PROVOST, DR. WM. SMITH, OWNED LAND IN THE COUNTY AND, IN 1767, LAID OUT THE TOWN OF HUNTINGDON ON THE SITE OF STANDING STONE, AN INDIAN VILLAGE.
BEDFORD FURNACE, THE FIRST IRON FURNACE IN THE JUNIATA REGION, WAS ERECTED IN ORBISONIA IN 1785 BY GEORGE ASHMAN AND COMPANY. OTHER CHARCOAL IRON FURNACES WERE BUILT NEARBY AND FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS JUNIATA IRON WAS THE BEST IN AMERICA.
GEORGE CROGHAN BUILT FORT SHIRLEY (NOW SHIRLEYSBURG) IN 1755 AS A LINK IN THE CHAIN OF FORTS ALONG PENNSYLVANIA'S FRONTIER. IT WAS NAMED AFTER GENERAL WILLIAM SHIRLEY, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH FORCES.
RAYSTOWN LAKE, WITH A 110 MILE SHORELINE, IS THE LARGEST LAKE WHOLLY WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH, AND A PRISTINE RECREATION AREA. THIS 27-MILE LONG DAM WAS DESIGNED TO CONTROL FLOODING ALONG THE JUNIATA RIVER.

Her efforts to win those of her own rank were tireless. Some have credited her with bringing the revival off the streets and into the drawing rooms of England's nobility and princes. Besides holding Bible studies and prayer meetings, she gathered the nobility together in her home and invited Whitefield and other Methodists to preach to them. It was an audience very different from what the preachers were used to. Here was "a glittering array of the great and rich of England."

Few of the aristocracy appreciated Lady Huntingdon's concern for their souls. When the Countess invited the Duchess of Buckingham to hear Whitefield preach, the Duchess replied, "It is monstrous to be told that you have a heart as sinful as the common wretches that crawl on the earth. This is highly offensive and insulting; and I cannot but wonder that your Ladyship should relish any sentiments so much at variance with high rank and good breeding." But in spite of such misgivings, the Duchess and many others like her accepted Lady Huntingdon's invitations, and many of them were saved.

Among those who listened to Whitefield was Lady Chesterfield. For years she had enjoyed the worldly pleasures of high society along with her husband, the infidel Earl of Chesterfield. But at Lady Huntingdon's she came under the sound of the gospel and was saved. The "fashionable follies" lost their appeal to her, and she gave over her fortune, honors, and talents to Christ. Along with Lady Huntingdon she became a staunch supporter of the evangelical ministry in England.

Another aristocrat affected by Whitefield's ministry at Lady Huntingdon's was Lord St. John.

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He died a few months after he heard Whitefield preach for the first time. After St. John's death Lady Huntingdon wrote to Whitefield: "His Lordship enquired for you, to whom he said he was deeply indebted. His last words to Mr. Bateman were, 'To God I commit myself. I feel how unworthy I am; but Jesus Christ died to save sinners; and the prayer of my heart now is, God be merciful to me, a sinner!' " Lady Huntingdon continued to Whitefield, "This, my good friend, is the first fruits of that plenteous harvest, which, I trust, the great Husbandman will yet reap amongst the nobility of our land."

Lady Huntingdon was concerned about the needs of souls, no matter what their rank. She was a merciful woman in the truest sense of the word, "reaching forth her hands to the needy" with physical as well as spiritual help. She once said, "I can do but little and am often obliged to be a spectator of miseries which I pity, but cannot relieve." But she did what she could, and she began with her own household. She gathered together those in her employ and taught them of Christ. Then she took every opportunity to deal with them individually as well, sometimes stopping on a walk about the grounds to question the gardener about his soul, or pausing in the hall to speak a word of spiritual encouragement to a maid.

From her own household, her soulwinning efforts reached out to her neighborhood and beyond. Once when in Brighton, Lady Huntingdon visited a poor soldier's wife who had just given birth to twins. She gave the woman the temporal help she needed and then began to talk with her about her need to be saved. The woman came under great conviction of sin and begged the Countess to visit her again. Some women in the bakery that adjoined the poor woman's room had overheard the conversation of the Countess and asked to be allowed to listen when the Countess returned. More and more women became interested, and soon the Countess had quite a large congregation of women hungry to hear the gospel.

One day a blacksmith who was notorious for his wicked life found his way to the meeting and would not leave. Lady Huntingdon decided to go on as if he were not there. The Lord worked in the man's heart and saved him. He went on to live for the Lord almost 30 years before he died.

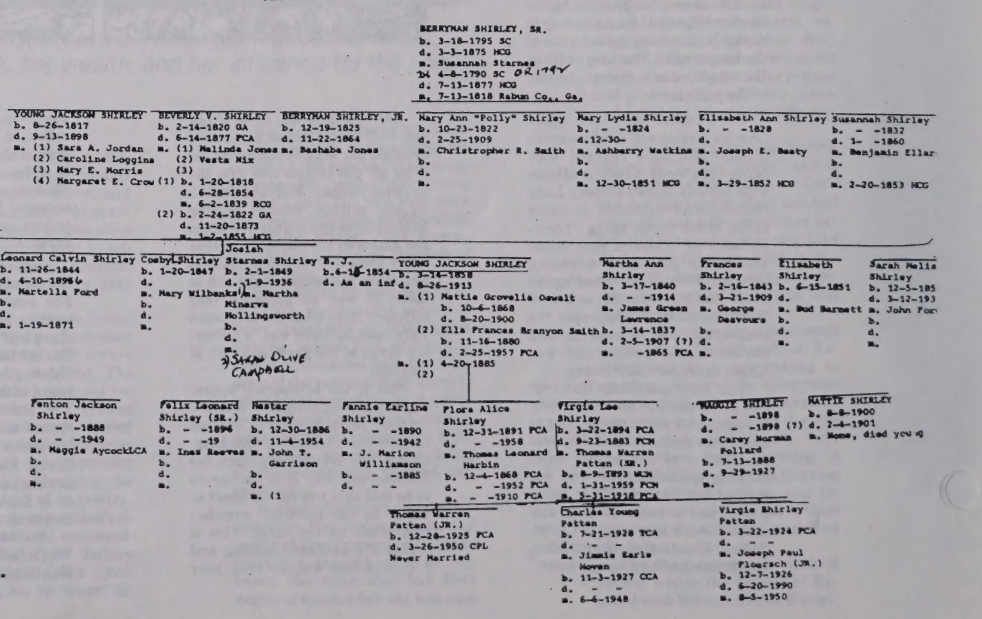
Lady Huntingdon even went on missionary excursions in the summer. She and one or two of her daughters would travel with several preachers in a cavalcade about the English countryside and into Wales, stopping in village after village. As the people gathered about them in the fields, the men preached the gospel and many souls were saved.

When the Lord gave Lady Huntingdon a position to be used for His glory, He also gave her great wealth. She once said that the Lord had not given her anything. When someone rebuked her for the remark, she explained, "He has only *lent* it to me, and I am determined to repay Him." Her purse was always open to support the Lord's work. She built chapels, supported ministers, contributed towards the establishing of Dartmouth College in America for the training of Indians, heavily supported students in her own college in Wales, helped Whitefield with his orphanage work, and on and on. One time when she was out of funds, she sold her jewels to build another chapel. Truly she did her best to give back to the Lord all He had lent to her.

In her later years she lived very simply, allowing herself only one new dress a year. After visiting her, one man exclaimed, "What a lesson! Can a person of her noble birth, nursed in the lap of grandeur, live in such a house, so meanly furnished? and shall I, a tradesman, be surrounded with luxury and elegance? From this moment I shall hate my house, my furniture, and myself for spending so little for God, and so much in folly."

The Lord used the Countess to bless the lives of many whose names are familiar to us, among them the hymnwriters Augustus Toplady ("Rock of Ages"), Isaac Watts ("When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"), and Philip Doddridge ("O Happy Day"). Toplady said of the Countess, "She is the most precious saint of God I ever knew." And Doddridge testified, "I never saw so much of the image of God in any woman upon earth."

Certainly Lady Huntingdon was a remarkable woman. This brief story of her life has already established that fact though it has said nothing of her founding a college to train ministers, her role in reconciling differing brethren in the Methodist movement, her eventually establishing the chapels as a denomination separate from the Anglican Church. But it was not really the woman who was remarkable, but her God. He made her what He needed her to be for her time. □



Abbreviations:

SC South Carolina
GA Georgia
HCG Habersham Co., Ga.
RCG Rabun Co., Ga.
FCA Fayette Co., Al.
CCA Clarke Co., Al.
TCA Tuscaloosa Co., Al.
LCA Lamar Co., Al.
CPL Concordia Parish, La.
FCM Forrest Co., Ms.
WCM Wathall Co., Ms.

HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA SHIRLEYS

The following material comes from Charles Young Patton, son of Virgie, daughter of Young Jackson Shirley.

Letter to: Young Jackson Shirley (b. Aug 26, 1817), son of Berryman Shirley, Sr.

Newport or Mugent, AL
January 31, 1897

Mr. Y.J. Shirley

Dear Uncle it has been some time since I heard from you. All are well at this time. Hope the same blessings of God are resting on all of you. I made a good crop last year and went to Texas last summer. Spent three weeks on an excursion. I saw one J.W. Tary (sp) & son there & there familys going to Texas the same time I went on the train. I saw several of my old acquantences. Was at brother Cosbys. My wife was a good help to me, my health has improved, my mind much better reconciled. I am now able to do hard work. Am cleaning up my heavy timbered. Have about ten acres cleared. Am to clear about 4 more.

My oldest daughter is married, has 3 children. My second daughter is now in school. I aim to send my oldest son next year. I aim to give my children an education if possible. They are all grown in size but 2. The youngest is past seven years of age. I will give you all there names.

Vesta Malinda, Berryman Beverly, Sarah Frances, Annie Delitha, Elizabeth Ellen, Josiah Jonah, Ethel.

You see they all have double names except the last. They will all soon be grown. I can not tell what will become of them. All of them belong to the church except the three youngest. You can see if I give them an education it will keep me busy. I would have moved to Texas last fall if I could of sold out but the time has come when it is impossible to sell land hear for anything like it value. We made near nine bales of cotton last year, plenty of corn and oats and meet to do us. Sold cotton at a fraction over 7 cents per pound which brought about $280. I am making all I can and buying as little as I possibly can so as to get through without having to go in debt. I have just made 2 sadles that would have cost $20, was offered $4.50 my holm made saddle pockets. I have enough old tan leather to make our shoes. Well uncle, church is cold and religion is at a low ebb. I have not got the call of any church this year. I aim to visit the churches this year and spend the sabbath in God's service. Pray for me that I may do duty. I am fully determined God being my helper to live nearer up to duty. I would have wrote sooner and oftener but I have so my (cares) on me I find my self neglecting mutch. When you get this let me hear from you soon. If we shall not be permitted to see each other hear, I hope we will soon meet where parting will be no mor. Your affectionate nephew.

J.S. Shirley (Josiah Starnes Shirley)

Charles Young Patton writes the following:

My lineage from Berryman Shirley Sr. is through his son, Beverly V. Shirley born Feb 14, 1820, probably in South Carolina, and Vesta Nix, his second wife. They are buried in Fayette Alabama.

My records indicate Berryman Shirley, Sr. and Susannah Starnes were married July 13, 1818 in Rabun Co. Georgia. I feel Susannah's father was either Aaron or Ebenizer Starnes and probably traces back to Shubel Starnes, an evangelistic Baptist preacher born in Boston Massachusetts, about 1715 was converted in Conn., migrated to Cacapon, VA for a short stay and then to Sandy Creek, Guilford Co. North Carolina...(now Randolph County), and was active in the Baptist movement in VA, NC, GA, SC, TN areas until his death in 1771. He is buried at Sandy Creek Baptist Church in North Carolina. He had a son that came to NC with his group in 1755, son's name was Shubel, Jr. He appeared as the plaintiff in a suit involving Rebecca Shirley's settlement of estate in Laurens Co., South Carolina May 2, 1825.

I have studied with interest the three pages from the book "OUR FAMILY BOOK OF BOOKS" written by Louise Dale Ray Jones of Jasper Georgia. On page 39, the author writes "According to tradition, Beverly's father, Berryman Shirley, SR. had traveled to the colonies from Devonshire, England and had settled in South Carolina." Then someone has penned in that "In 1820" Berryman, Sr. and Susannah moved to Habersham Co. GA. Somewhere here there is a question. I see where records say they had a son, Young Jackson Shirley with a date of birth of Aug 26, 1818. We all know from history that in many cases, it was necessary to get "married by a circuit preacher or judge...when he came by. This could be the case. I may have wrong information. Does anyone have documentation or information to straighten me out on this?

Beverly Shirley was a preacher. Family tradition says he added the middle initial to distinguish from another Beverly Shirley of the area.

There are two Beverly and Malinda Shirleys appearing in the 1850 census of Georgia. #1. Beverly and Malinda appear in the 1850 Walker Co. GA. census. (This is Charles Patton's ancestor). He was born 1820 GA and

Malinda is born 1818 SC. Their children in the census are: Martha 1840 SC, Wm. B., 1841 SC, Lucinda F. 1843 SC, Leonard C 1844 SC, Crosby L. 1847, Isaiah, S. 1849. This Beverly married Malinda Jones in Rabun Co. GA., June 2, 1839.

#2 Beverly and Malinda Shirley appear in the 1850 census of Habersham Co. GA. Beverly was born 1815 GA. and Malinda 1820 SC. Living in their home in the census are: females...E.A. 1845 SC., P. 1849 GA., Juda 1764 SC., males.... C. 1848 SC., S.A. 1801 SC. This Beverly married Malinda "Shirley" in Habersham Co. GA., Oct 4, 1844.

Something to consider...My records indicate that Malinda Jones Shirley was the mother of an infant male, B.J. born June 14, 1854 and died as an infant in the same cemetery as Malinda b. Jan 28, 1854, wife of B.V. Shirley. Consider Beverly Shirley married Vesta Nix on Jan 2, "1855", with their first child born Oct 28, 1855 buried in the same cemetery as an infant, (un-named).

Would anyone know or have proof if Malinda Jones was the wife of someone else? (another Shirley?...making her Malinda Shirley when she married?).

Write: Charles Patton, 308 Windmill Ridge Rd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542. (He has reservations for ST Louis Shirley Convention next month).

From Your Editor:

I have looked into our records of these families and would like to make a few comments.

In looking at the 1840 census of Rabun County GA we find, Berryman Shirley, also Beverly Shirley as head of house. Beverly had just married in 1839.

As to Beverly Shirley #2, looking back thru the census using process of elimination...etc. Here is my reasoning about who Beverly #2 might be the son of.

If you look at the 1820 Habersham Co. GA census, you will find: Berryman Shirley and Moses Shirley.
In the 1830 census of Habersham Co GA: Riley 20-30 years old, John 20-30 years old, Moses 60-70 years old, and Aaron 50-60 years old. Each are head of household.

Moses is the likely father of Beverly #2 for the following reasons. In the 1830 census Moses and Aaron both have sons in the age bracket for Beverly #2 born in 1815. The reason I don't think Aaron Shirley is Beverly's father is that Aaron was still in South Carolina when Beverly was born. Beverly was born in GA according to the census. Aaron Shirley is listed on the 1820 Laurens County South Carolina census and he is 45+ years of age. Does anyone have info on this?

To add more confusion...There is yet another Beverly Shirley, #3, born 1775-1794 who can be found in the 1820 & 1830 census of Laurens Co. GA. By 1840 his name does not appear. In Tuscaloosa Co. AL Beverly appears on land records in 1835/36.

We need help in getting this straightened out. Can anyone help us? Contact the Shirley Assoc or Charles Patton or both!

I would like to make reference to Judah Shirley born about 1764 SC. living in the Beverly Shirley household in the 1850 census of Habersham Co. Ga. It has been passed to me that Juda/Judah was the wife of Moses Shirley. Two people have asked me if Judah is the daughter of Argeland Shirley who was born in Northumberland Co. VA. I don't think so as she would have been born in VA and I assume would have not married since her last name is still Shirley.

The name Beverly is really popular as in Tuscaloosa Co. AL in records of May 1850, Moses Shirley is mentioned in right of his wife Beverly.

Refer to back issues of the NEWS about these Shirleys and the areas mentioned above.

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DAVIS SHIRLEY FAMILY

FROM YOUR EDITOR...Recently I was looking thru some data that was sent to me several years ago. I re-discovered a letter in one of our members file that I thought our readers would find interesting. I received some photographs from a related cousin and together this will make an interesting article.

DAVIS SHIRLEY was born Aug 9, 1825 in Laurens Co. South Carolina. His father was Eli Shirley born Sept 1, 1797 Laurens Co. South Carolina.

In 1880, Davis Shirley purchased 53 acres in Texas. At the time he was a widower. His first wife, Elizabeth J. Anders died in 1879, four years after they had moved to Texas from Lee County Mississippi. Later, Davis lost the property then repurchased the same by Certificate of Redemption in 1893 at which time he was married to his second wife. She was the widow Emily Cassandra Slaughter Riley who had four children of her own, Cassie, Will, Linnie and John J.

When Davis died in 1898, he left no will; therefore, the property passed to the hands of his second wife and his twelve children. Seven were by his first marriage and five children by his second wife.

In 1980 a letter was sent to descendants of Davis Shirley by an Engineering company. The company had been tracing the heirs of Davis Shirley for three years. The company had been securing oil and gas leases on the 53 acres of land that Davis Shirley had owned.

The letter reads...For the past seventy years, the taxes on the said property have b been paid by Lewis Shirley, not 86 years old but, nonetheless, the youngest child of Davis Shirley; also. Lewis Shirley has farmed the land and, then, used the land for pasture and maintained fences thereon. Accordingly, it was Lewis Shirley who clarified to me that he had 4 sisters and 7 half-brothers and sisters and they should receive their due share of the property.

In all probability, it now appears that the 53 acres is to be considered Davis Shirley's separate property, in spite of the fact that it was repurchased with community funds, that is, the money that was his and his second wife's. At any rate, this assumption would give equal distribution of the estate to all 12 children, their heirs or assigns. Consequently, as one of Davis Shirley's 12 children, James Wilson Shirley's would have inherited 4.45 acres. As James Wilson Shirley died intestate, this part passes to be equally shared by his 10 children, of whom Jim (J.D.) Shirley was one. As one of Jim Shirley's 3 children, your father received 1/3 of .445 acres. Since your father left no will, 1/3 of his share goes to his surviving widow and 6 children.

I attempted to contact your father over a year ago, buy Garland Shirley did not have the phone number for the House, New Mexico residence and as Prentis Shirley's home is even more remote than your father's, I had to drive out to New Mexico to make effective contact; that was last summer.

Through this date, I have accounted for and leased virtually all of the 53 acres. I realize that your interest in the Estate is fractional; nonetheless, it is necessary that I account for the whole estate. While I realize that the money, diluted as much as it is by the numerous heirs, is not much of an incentive, there will be a rather prodigious family-tree forthcoming.

I have met and /or corresponded with and received the signatures of, almost 150 heirs, and possibly this tracing of your kinsmen will be of particular interest to you. For example: Luther Shirley, a grandchild of Davis and Elizabeth Shirley, now resides at Alba Texas. Luther, now in his eighties, and whom it has been my pleasure to meet, was a true cowboy in his younger days, working on one of the largest ranches in Texas shortly after the end of World War I, in which he served as an infantryman.

Genealogy from Buford Emerson, Sadie Ellis.
Info taken from letter sent to Delbert and Eunice Shirley.
Photographs from Sadie Ellis.

Children of Davis Shirley: (and Elizabeth).
[sent by Buford Emerson].

1. Martha (Melvina) E. Sept 21, 1849
2. Nancy Margaret Feb. 4, 1851 died young
3. Henry Milton Dec 29, 1852
4. Eli Anders Feb 3, 1855
5. James Wilson May 23, 1857
   m. Mary Elizabeth Hutto

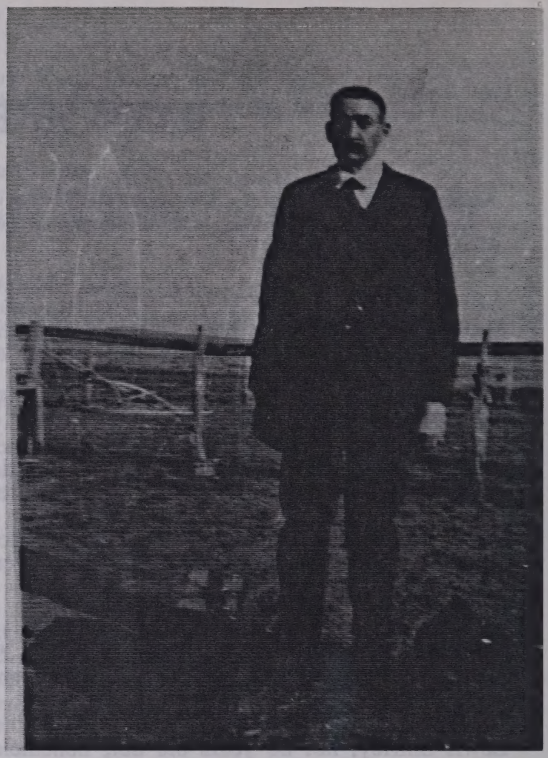
Children:

(1). Willie Lee
(2). Dora Lee
(3). Barney Franklin
(4). Sadie Idalee
(5). James Davis
(6). Duel Herman
(7). Archie Pope
(8). Mary Frances
(9). John Wylie
(10). Annie

6. Fannie "Adeline" 1859
7. Sophronice "Annie" Feb 21, 1861
8. Ezekiel (Zeke) Davis Nov 9, 1865
9. Benjamin April 24, 1867 died young

Children by: Emily, 2nd wife

10. Florence Etta June 17, 1885
11. Cloa A. Aug 2, 1887
12. Ruth Mae Jan 27, 1891
13. Ida Bell April 18, 1892
14. Lewis Jan 14, 1894
15. Gail died at birth



JAMES WILSON SHIRLEY

JAMES WILSON & wife NARY HUTTO with grandchildren, Ida Mae & Ruby

BARNEY FRANKLIN & wife IDA RUSSELL SHIRLEY

She won't be a housekeeper without wedding bells

JOHN LOVES PEOPLE, *By John Martin*

Mary Evaline Turner was born on June 7, 1907. We know her as Maria Bemka.

Mary was born to Ida Leslie Turner and Sarah Ann Shirley in the State of New Mexico where her parents were homesteading. Her father, a Chef at the Modesto Hotel in 1903, moved to New Mexico in 1904 and filed homestead papers. Before daughter Mary came along, the patent was issued. When Mary Evaline was four years old, her family moved to Arkansas. Two years later they all moved again to Chillicothe, Texas. Mary's grandfather, John F. Shirley, operated a freight line out of Bakersfield, CA which ran all over the Southwest. He operated his own traveling blacksmith shop and cared for his horses and mules wherever they were when they needed attention. One of the memorable parts of this freight business for Mary was the transportation of tar from the LaBrea Tar Pits to Bakersfield for roofing material for houses going up around the oil fields.

Mary started to school in Chillicothe, Texas. Shortly after this, the family moved from Texas to Mississippi. In 1918, she moved from Mississippi to Louisiana after World War I ended. In 1919, on the 4th of July, they moved back to Chillicothe, Texas. In 1924, they moved to Wheeler County, Texas. You wonder about Mary's schooling? She told me she did go some, but she loved to read and learned very early. She loved her Comfort Magazine and kept up on the happenings of the Daperlings. For years, she also carried her Linen-ABC's books which she took with her everywhere.

Mary E. was the oldest child in the family, and she became a caregiver for a younger sister when she was 1-1/2 years old. She had three brothers and three sisters. Two of her sisters and one brother are still living. She learned to sew from her father's sister and to cook from her mother's mother.

Maria Bemka at 85.

In 1930, she met Frank Bemka, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin native on January 4th and married on January 5th. That's right, the next day—she told him he wasn't going to get a housekeeper without wedding bells. They were married in Yuma, Arizona. Her family moved to Modesto in 1958 and she worked in the sewing room at the State Hospital in Modesto. She worked there until 1969.

Mary E. has a daughter, Adrian Lee, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, Frank, died in 1960.

Mary became a rock hound and joined the Mother Lode Mineral Society in 1960 and is still a member. They traveled together all over the southwest gathering stones with the Society. Mary gave me a beautiful polished ring some years back.

I asked Mary for some advice to help me get old and she said:

"Keep your nose clean." "Don't gossip." "Drink lots of coffee" and "one glass of wine a day" and "one glass of port when you go to bed."

I'll see what I can do.

Material from: Shirley Vranes & Ida House

SHIRLEY BROTHERS WIN SCIENCE AWARD IN CASPER WYOMING

AWARDS

CASPER — Science projects by students in all grades were displayed during the Poison Spider School Science Fair and prizes were awarded to some students for their projects, acording to a release.

Sixty-two students in fourth, fifth and sixth grade were interviewed and scored on their projects during the fair.

First-place winners in **Life Science** were: fourth grade, Glen Robinett; fifth grade, Brett Moore; and sixth grade, Riley Skogen.

Physical Science winners were: fourth grade, Brett Waters; fifth grade, John Coffey; and sixth grade, Brent Stalkup.

Award winners in **Earth Science** were: fourth grade, Greg Shirley; sixth grade, Michael Shirley.

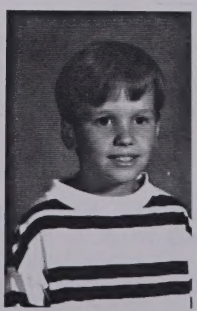
Consumer Science category winners werU fourth grade, Dustin Park; fifth grade, Scotty Legerski and Heidi Findley, and sixth grade, Shantel Legerski.

FROM YOUR EDITOR:

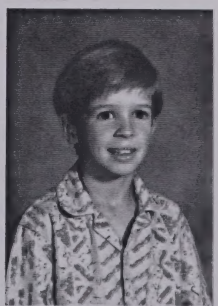
Greg and Michael are sons of my nephew, Carl Shirley and his wife, Julie. Evelyn Shirley, my sister-in-law, is the boys grandmother.

Many of our members have met Evelyn Shirley at various Shirley Conventions and meetings. She was with me on two trips to England. She also accompanied me to Australia and New Zealand in 1989.

CONGRATULATIONS!



MICHAEL SHIRLEY



GREG SHIRLEY

DEATHS: IRELAND RECORDS

ARMAGH

Patrick Shirley died August 26, 1866 Workhouse Armagh. He had chronic bronchitis for 6 months. He was 66 years old, a bachelor and his occupation is listed as dealer.

Mary Shirley died Nov. 17, 1875 Workhouse Armagh. Had bronchitis for 3 weeks. She was 81 years old, a widow. She is listed as servant.

BELFAST

Eliza Shirley died Oct. 7, 1873 Workhouse in Belfast. She was 70 years old, a spinister, worked as a washer in the workhouse. Chronic Bronchitis.

CARLOW

Jane Shirley died Oct. 12, 1860 Coolcullen. She was 52 years old, married, farmers wife. Chronic Bronchitis 3 months. John Shirley present at death in Coolcullen.

Mary Shirley died Decmeber 29, 1870 Coolcullen. She was 87 years old, widow of farmer. Died of old age.

CITY OF DUBLIN

Samuel Shirley died Feb. 16, 1865. He was 64 years old, a bachelor. He had Dropsy for for 2 months. He has a Housesmith. Robert Shirley was present at death.

Sally Shirly died January 27, 1869 Workhouse So. Dublin. She was 87 years old, a widow, a pauper. Died of bronchitis.

Elizabeth Shirley died January 10, 1870. She was 86 years old, a widow and a servant. She had bronchitis 2 weeks.

Maria Shirley died Feb. 6, 1873. She was 70 years old, a widow. Chest affection.

Alexander Shirley died Nov. 24, 1878. He was 72 years old, married, labourer. Bronchitis 4 months. John Shirley present at death.

CORK

Denis Shirly died Dec. 13, 1878 in Wibbereen, 70 years old
He was married, a labourer, had bronchtitis for 6 months.

KILKENNY

Thomas Shirley died May 5, 1874 CorryBally. He was 52, a widower and farmer. He had Pneumonia 8 days. John Shirley present at death.

LONDERRY

James Shirley died Feb. 10, 1871 Culerow, Aughadowey, Coleraine, 81 years old. Chronis bronchitis for 6 months. He is listed as bachelor and labourer. Ellen Shirley of Alcrow was present at death.

Robert Shirley died September 26, 1871 in Rhee, 92 years. Died of old age, labourer. Robert Shirley present at death.

Nancy Shirley died June 7, 1873 Rhee, Aughadowey, 79 years old. Cause of death listed as Debility Anasenca. She was a widow of the late R. Shirley, farmer. Margaret Shirley was present at her death in Rhee.

Sarah Shirley died Nov. 28, 1878, Mullahineh (?), Aughadowey, Coleraine, 85 years old. Death lished as Paralysis Right side 1 month. Widow of a Labourer. Nancy Shirley was present at death.

Elizabeth Shirley died November 1879 in Ballynakally, Auchadawry, Coleraine, Pnish(?) fever for two months. She was married.

WEXFORD

John Shirley died March 29, 1871 in Ballygawert, New Ross. He as 72 years old, had Asthma 4 weeks. Deborah Shirley present at death. He was a farmer and was married.

WICKLOW

George Shirley died Nov. 13, 1865 Punicking. He was 35 years old and single and was a grocer. He died of Dropsy.

James Shirley died Nov. 12, 1867, Punicking. He was 42 years old. He had bronchitis and paralysis. He was married and a hotel keeper.

Have to try to find counties these are listed in!

Jane Shirley (formerly Waopolo), died Feb. 2, 1867 Rakewdow/Raheendowore (?). She was 74 years old, widow. Bilious Cholera 2 1/2 days.

Martha Shirley died Dec. 29, 1867 Killme, Monvsyime (?). She was 65 years old, spinister, labourer. Chronic Bronchitis.

James Shirley died April 15, 1873, Ternisrath (?), 77 years old. Married, farmer. Heart Disease. William Shirley present at death.

Joseph Shirley died June 23, 1876 (must be Dublin as only street address is given). He was 74 years old, married. He was a Corporal Royal Aritillery. Had Bronchitis a long time.

RESEARCHED BY YOUR EDITOR WHILE IN IRELAND, 1992.

SHIRLEYS IN IRELAND

THE LINEN FAMILIES

The oldest name in the local linen trade is Shirley of the Rhee. It appears in the old session book and in the Presbytery minutes in various forms of spelling. John Sherclaw was representative elder from Aghadouy to the Route Presbytery on 3rd March 1702, while a John Shirla Junr. appeared as commissioner in 1705.[1] In 1703 the Kirk Session of Aghadowey gave John Shirila the elder's district of Rusky, Milltown, Inshaloy and Agivey.[2] The 1725 Ironmongers survey gives:

Widdo Shirlough as a cotter in Drom Stapul;
Geo. Shirleugh in Ruskey;
John and James Sherleck in Sgaltee;
and James Shirlogh holding the upper part of
Bwalla Riagh next Culcrow with James Stewart.

In 1734 James Cunningham of Agivey set to James Shirla of Ree, yeoman, one third of the townland of Ree except the bleaching greens for 31 years at a yearly rent of £6. In 1737 Jas. Sherla of Ree, linen draper, obtained 5 acres of Scalty next the bridge of Milltown with half the Moulter of Gowd's mill for 29 years at a yearly rent of £16. 17. 6. In 1737 he also obtained the bleach yard on part of Ree, and part of Drumstaples late in the possession of James Gould, for 29 years at £9 rental.[3] Shirla had been engaged in the linen business as early as 1722.

The family were still faithful members of Aghadowey Presbyterian Church. The Session book records in 1731 that "John yc son of James Shirlah of Ree gave one pound str. as an acknowledgment of God's goodness in delivering him out of a dangerous fever." In 1744 James Shirlah was appointed to collect stipends in Agivy, Rees, Miltown, Currogh, Drumstaples and Scalty.

The 1765 survey opens another small window on the family.

The following names and rentals given appear:

Scaltee,	John Shirley, £20.	
Culcrow,	Hugh Sheerly, £4.	
	James Sheerly and Part[s] (Partners) £4.	
Ballireagh,	Robert Sheerly and Bro[rs] (Brothers) £21. 12. 0. for part called the Ree, while William Gregg paid £13 for that part called Keelogs.	
Lamagivie,	Revd Mr. Elder paid £21 for the upper part and Robt. Sheerley 5 guineas for the lower part.	

Parnell's 1823 survey gives the following tenants:

Scaltee,	John Shirley,	£5. 10. 0. rent.
Culcrow,	Widow Shirley,	£9. 12. 6.
	Stewart Shirley,	£4. 16. 6.
	Joseph Shirley,	£4. 4. 0.
Keelogs,	Robert Shirley,	£12. 15. 0.
	Mary Shirley,	£21. 7. 6.
Rhee,	Mary Shirley,	£8. 6. 8.
	Alexander Shirley,	£8. 6. 8.

Shirleys are mentioned in the O.S. memoirs as one of the families who sub-divided their properties and so missed the opportunity of becoming small but respectable gentry. However that may be, they can be traced for well over 300 years as living in a group of contiguous townlands, Ruskey, Scalty, Drumsteeple, Culcrow and Ree. Ruskey may be the place of original settlement, as I find a Jo. Sherrilae in Ruskie in the hearth money roll around 1663. In the course of the centuries some branches of the family became poorer. In the middle of the nineteenth century there are Shirleys in Culcrow with only 4 or 5 acres of land each, and two daughters of John Shirley of Culcrow married Samuel Patton and Hugh Hamilton who were labourers. At the same period there was a James Shirley of the Rhee who was a shoemaker.[4]

Other Shirleys at the same time were tenants of substantial farms. The Griffith Valuation gives Robert (Alex.) and Robert (Robert) in Ree. These were distinguished in the family as "Roadman Robert," because one took roads to repair, and "Elder Robert," because one was an elder in the church. "Elder Robert's" father was Robert or Robin Shirley, who never did any farm work, but spent his life weaving. Robin married Betty Gray, and they had a number of children who died young, while three survived, including the one who was to become "Elder Robert," and who married Margaret Harper of Tamneymore. An old tombstone in Agivey commemorates "Elizabeth wife of Robert Sherley late of Rhee died (1825?) aged 40. Also 4 of their children." This I take to be Robin's first wife, Betty Gray. He married as his second wife Nancy Millar, whose stories of her family were remembered by Elder Robert's children, one of whom was Catherine who married William Hull of Segorry in 1890. Nancy Millar's father was a United Irishman, and she told how he and another man had shot an informer near Ballymoney. The father disappeared at the battle of Antrim and was never heard of again. His wife Catherine Millar was left to bring up two children, Nancy (born 1795), and George (born 1797). George Millar is the man who wrote the list of inhabitants of Ballymoney in 1804-10, used in J. B. Hamilton's Records of the Court Leet.

"Roadman Robert's" father I take to be Alexander who had the larger of the two Rhee farms in 1853.[5] This may be the Alex[R] Shirley who has one of the seats in a group allotted to prominent local linen merchants and others who might be termed as "the quality".[6] This second Robert had a son John Mooney Shirley who married Rachel Cochrane and had a large family of 8 boys and 4 girls, one of the latter marrying David Kennedy and one John McKee of Camus.

Both Rhee farms once owned by the two Roberts are now in the possession of William Hull of the Rhee, at present treasurer of Aghadowey, and son of William Hull and Catherine Shirley.

Material sent by Michael Healey

ANNOUNCING!

Family Get-together

NATIONAL SHIRLEY CONVENTION

June 11 & 12, 1993

St. Louis Missouri

at

EXECUTIVE INTERNATIONAL INN
4530 North Lindbergh Blvd.
Bridgeton, Missouri 63044

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Fri., June 11th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm Registration
7:00 - 9:30 pm Dinner/CONVENTION

Sat., June 12th, 9:00 - 11:00 am SHIRLEY CONVENTION
11:00 - 11:15 am Coffee break
11:15 - 12:15 pm SHIRLEY CONVENTION
12:15 - 12:30 pm Group Photo Session
12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch
2:00 - 3:30 pm SHIRLEY CONVENTION
3:30 - 4:00 pm Break
4:00 - 5:00 pm Group Discussions

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THE DAVID ALBERT SHIRLEY FAMILY

Gentleman on left with cap is David Albert, Harvey next to him with his cap. Bertha is the lady on right with glasses. Harvey and Harry are two of the small boys and Evelyn one of the small girls.

Photo courtesy of Naomi (Shirley) Barrow
See: Shirley NEWS, Spring 1994, page 11. David Albert Shirley is a brother to George Richard Shirley.

Peter Shirley, (#27 on the list of branches), was the father of Frederick Shirley born in 1836. Frederick and his wife Hannah were the parents of 10 children.

George Richard born 1861 VA	Robert Nelson born 1870 WV	Emma Florence born 1878 WV
Maria born 1863 WV	Martin Luther born 1872 WV	Isaac born 1880 WV
Charles Edward born 1866 WV	David Albert born 1875 WV	Henry Frank born 1884 WV
John W. born 1867 WV		

David Albert married Jane. Their children were: Harvey, Elwood and Bertha. Elwood had no children. Harvey had eight children: Evelyn, Mary, Frances, Margaret, Irene, Henry, Harry and Harvey.

Three robbers lying on a bed. "The Kid" (youngest of the three men) lies there cleanshaven, naked breast with hands folded, nostrils up and eyes open; Jim Shirley lies in the middle with ruffled hair, heavy beard, dark moustache, clothes torn wide open on his breast, bullet wound in his left breast; George Law sleeps with his eyes closed, teeth gritted, heavy dark moustache, naked breasts with bullet wound in right breast.

Sent by the Curator of the Museum of NW Colorado

From your editor: I received a call from Colorado asking if I might know anything about this Jim Shirley. I suggested the material be sent so I would write a story about it for the NEWS. I said I would ask our readers if Jim belongs to any of their them. Would you please write to me if you know who this Jim Shirley is? Thanks!

On the afternoon of October 13, 1896, three horseman rode into Meeker Colorado and robbed a bank. One of the three was Jim Shirley. He walked with a slight limp. He was a pleasant-faced, medium sized man of about forty-five. He wore blue goggles which helped disguise his face, covering deep-set, bluish gray eyes.

One of the robbers pulled the trigger which alerted the townspeople of the robbery in progress. Some of the local men ran up the streets spreading the news of the robbery, and minutes later the village were running for their guns. Armed men appearing at doors, windows, and behind buildings, were waiting to greet the bank robbers when they came out.

Inside the robbery was not going well. There was trouble opening the bank door. Jim Shirley, the ringleader, stumped up to the manager of the store and remarked pleasantly, "Mr. Cashier", we want you! "Unlock the bank door," Shirley ordered. Shirley was determined to carry out his plans and took another fatal five minutes to secure all of the rifles and ammunition in the store. He filled the magazines of three and broke the stocks of the others.

The robbers went out to their horses knowing they were being watched by an army of hidden marksmen bidding their time, waiting for an opportunity to shoot without endangering the hostages. Then Jim Shirley spied one of the townspeople peering at him. He jerked up his Winchester and fired.

The unusual procession continued on for about thirty more feet to where their horses were tied. Jim Shirley and his partner started to untie them while the other partner kept guard.

Shirley smiled as he reached for his bridle reins. The worst seemed to be over. Then suddenly one of his prisoners aching shoulders had finally become to exhausted to keep his arms up any longer. As he dropped his arms he ran for shelter. Shirley grabbed for his rifle. The prisoners all scrambled to safety and the townspeople opened fire. Shirley went down with a bullet in his left lung. Game to the last, he whipped out his six-shooter, and though unable to regain his feet, he sprayed lead in all directions until he died.

Seventeen days after the attempted robbery, a resident of Meeker ran across the camp of the dead bank robbers at the head of Three Mile Gulch, a tributary of Strawberry. There he found the three relay horses, three rifles, and bedding. The horses had been without feed and water for seventeen days. One was dead and the other two were so weak they could barely stand. All the bark within reach of the starving animals had been chewed off the cedars to which they were tied.

While Jim Shirley was a comparative stranger in Meeker, H.S. Harp, a cattleman of that area, claimed that Shirley had worked for him at one time. Harp referred to him as "one of the pleasantest fellows I ever met, a dandy stock tender, a good cook, and a man who always kept a clean cabin.

Where Jim Shirley came from and just who he was continues to be a mystery.

From: SUNSET SLOPE, True Epics of Western Colorado, by Wilson Rockwell, Big Mountain Press, Denver CO.

Newspaper clipping from: Newlin Shirley

Elvis's cousin elected sheriff

TUPELO, Miss. (AP) — The jailhouse could be rockin' in Mississippi's Lee County, now that Elvis Presley's cousin has been elected sheriff.

Harold Ray Presley won a runoff Tuesday to fill the remaining two years in Sheriff Jack Shirley's term. Shirley died of cancer a year ago.

Presley had 5,834 votes, or 56 percent, to Chief Deputy Robert Armstrong's 4,614 votes, or 44 percent, according to unofficial returns.

"It will be a new jailhouse rock in Lee County, Miss.," said supporter David Turner.

"God has blessed the Presley family," said Presley, who had been the department's chief narcotics investigator. He was to be sworn in today for the $50,800-a-year job.

JOHN SHIRLEY

THE MOST FAMOUS ENGLISH PUBLISHER

The influence of the professional bookseller was considerable. In the fourteenth century a bookseller probably in Oxford produced a set of small booklets, some scientific, some poetic, each of which sold for two or three shillings; this is now Bodleian Library, MS Digby 166. A London bookseller compiled the Auchinleck (pronounced Afflek) Manuscript, a well-known collection of English verse romances. In the fifteenth century booksellers may have produced anthologies to order (a "bespoke" trade); this seems to have been the case with the "Grete Boke" of Sir John Paston, prepared by the bookseller William Ebsham; it contained works of chivalry and romance. The most famous English "publisher" was John Shirley, who is responsible for many of the "aureate" collections of poetry by Chaucer, Lydgate, and others; of these fine books the most famous is the Fairfax Manuscript, now in the Bodleian Library. Such collections were made into the sixteenth century; here we may note the Scottish anthology known as the Bannatyne Manuscript, which contains both Middle English and Middle Scots poetry.

HARRISON COUNTY KENTUCKY RECORDS

FROM: Lois Crayton

Deed book N, Drawer 11 Box 702, Shirley heirs listed:

Richard Shirley
Thomas Shirley, Jr.
Lettis Cullins and Wm. Cullins
HEIRS OF THOMAS SHIRLEY, DECEASED!

Polly Shirley
Lettice Shirley
Thomas Shirley
HEIRS OF ELIZABETH SHIRLEY, DECEASED, LATE OF BARREN CO. KY

Isaac Dale, attorney to represent them in selling Harrison Co. Ky. land on Raven Creek.
Wit: James Shirley
dated: 11834

SHIRLEYS IN TAX RECORDS OF HARRISON CO. KENTUCKY

1820 tax book missing
1821 William, 97 acres 1 white above 21, 4 children 4-14 years
1822 William
1823-1829 No Shirleys listed
1830 William
1831-32 Tax book missing
1833-1835 No Shirleys listed

William T. Shirley

My great grandfather, William T. Shirley, born 1806 KY., married Mary "Polly" Hitch Worrell were married in Claysville, Harrison County, Kentucky on December 26, 1829.

In 1832 they moved to Gosport, Monroe County, Indiana. From there they moved in 1839 to a farm near Bellville, Hendricks Co. Indiana. Later they moved to Pecksburg, Hendricks County, where William, previously a tailor by trade, ran a store, was postmaster, and railroad station agent.

William T. Shirley married a second time to a neighbor, Lucinda Taylor. They had a daughter, Georgia.

Ola Marshall Hubbard, who had grown up in Pecksburg, pictured Pecksburg in 1845 in a "History of Pecksburg" written in 1938-39 for a Pecksburg (Hendricks County Indiana) homecoming.

"(Pecksburg) boasted of two churches, Methodist and Lutheran, blacksmith shop, schoolhouse, two stores, gristmill, two doctors, post office, picture gallery, shoe shop, and millinery store.....

Uncle Bill Shirley's (William T.) store was on the south side of the railroad and west side of the road. He handled everything that anybody wanted, especially peppermint stick candy for the children. He was the postmaster too!

There was a long platform between the railroad and the store where the passengers could alight, and naturally when Uncle Billy would flag down a train, all eyes were open. A man with long whiskers or a lady with a long dress and hoop skirt might get off the train, climb in a buggy,and drive away. There were no telephones or radios in existence then.

When there weren't any passengers to get on the train, Uncle Billy would fix the mail bag on a crane and the clerk would gracefully hook it in and with a friendly wave go on...."

We had a town pump, the flagpole raising, loyal church members, good schools, town hall, town crier,

prize fighters, pretty women, fast horses, hog callers, horn tooters, coon hunters, hounds and horse doctors.

In those days we went to Sunday School and Church and our choir carried off honors with Bill Shirley (William T.) as the leader."

I assume that there was one thing you couldn't get at Uncle Billy's store. My mother told me that her father-in-law, William R. Shirley got his wedding suit at Springtown.

About 1975 the schoolhouse was completely destroyed and the bricks incorporated into a modern home and in 1982 the railroad tracks were taken up. Since then there has been no visible sign of the town that was Pecksburg, home of the William T. Shirleys, including my grandfather, William R. Shirley.

William T. and Polly were the parents of:

1. James born Sept 26, 1830 Harrison Co. Kentucky. Married Prescilla Jackson April 19, 1854. They had one son, Orville. James served in the Union Army from July 6, 1861 to Jan 10, 1866. He was severely wounded, somewhat disabled, and nearly blind the rest of his life.

2. Lucinda born Feb 20, 1833 Gosport, Monroe Co. Indiana. Died Sept 23, 1906.
   Married James Worrell.

   Their children were:

   A. Charles who married Eliz. Edmondson

   a. Dee
   b. Maurice
   c. Beth
   d. Helen
   e. Dorothy
   f. Shirley

   B. Albert who married Mary Ader

   Their children were:

   a. Willard
   b. Kate
   c. Ruth
   d. Lee

   C. Ella who married Will Peck and they had one daughter, Ethel.

3. Sarah (Sallie) born Oct 20, 1833 Gosport, Monroe Co. Indiana. Married Robert N. Harvey and they had three sons: George A., Dr. W. Dayton and Frank.

4. Meranda J. born Sept 8, 1838 Gosport, Monroe Co. Indiana. Married Himelius Kendall and had one son, Milo.

5. Robert Eldridge born Oct 6, 1845 Gosport, Monroe Co. Indiana. Died July 23, 1837

6. William R. born Aug 15, 1845 Pecksburg, Hendricks Co. Indiana. Died Aug 4, 1902
   married 1st Sallie Maria Phillips Sept 22, 1869 (4 children)
   married 2nd Ruth Masten Hodson Sept 20, 1898

   children:

   a. Etta Lenore April 1, 1852
   b. Fred Grant Feb 2, 1873 (father of Lois Crayton)
   c. Alva Roy Jan 1, 1875
   d. _____

In 1871, two years after William R.'s marriage to Sallie Phillips, Sallie acquired 40 acres of land on the south end of the present Shirley farm. (A dowry?). There the young couple built their first home, a log cabin and a barn. A little later they built a brick house a little farther north, where all children, except Ettie, were born.

Throughout his adult life, William R. Shirley was a singer and choir leader. Miles Furnas recorded this incident: Arrangements had been made for a highly recommended choir from Indianapolis to present a choral program at the Mill Creek Meeting House. The house was filled in anticipation of a special treat. The choir sang its first number....no response from the audience. They sang until intermission and the audience sat on their hands. During the intermission while the choir was resting, the crowd began calling for "Bill Shirley's choir." Finally his choir responded and the audience came alive and expressed great enthusiasm. The visitor from the big city slipped away without finishing their planned concert.

About 1839 another family of Shirleys settled in NE Hendricks County and spread to NW Hendricks Co. and to the county seat of Danville. Belleville and Pecksburg were in the southern part of the county. If there was a relationship, I do not know. That family of Shirleys came from Kentucky also.

My father, Fred Shirley and his brother, Alva, were at various times mistaken for members of the other Shirley family.

Note from editor: The other family of Shirleys are branches #7, Thomas and Mollie Grubbs Shirley, #8, James and Mary McMekin Shirley, #9, Argeland Shirley. Their families came from Scott Co. and Barren Co. Kentucky. Note that Scott Co. is next to Harrison Co. where the above family was from. Harrison County was formed in 1798 from Scott and Bourbon Counties.

My great grandfather, William R. Shirley, had an older brother, James, who was a soldier in the Union Army through out the Civil War. His biography records that his great grandfather, Richard, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was burned at the stake by Indians in New York or Pennsylvania.

The William Shirley that appears on the 1821 and 1822 tax list of Harrison County KY had 4 sons under 14 years of age. William Shirley was listed on the Bracken County tax list of 1817. In the census records of 1810 census index for Harrison County Kentucky, William Shearley with 4 males under 10 is listed. In 1820 a David Shirley appears on the census as well as William Shirley. But in the general index of wills the name David Sheely is given (Box 110 drawer 11 page 1181).

The Harrison County Deeds Index list the following: Drawer 11, Box 694 page 167 and 168

James Shirley (168) page ?

Thomas Shirley 1801 to Spencer Mules Hrs. 250 acres Raven Creek
" 1801 from Daniel Neal 630 acres "
" 1809 from Daniel Neal 190 acres "
"

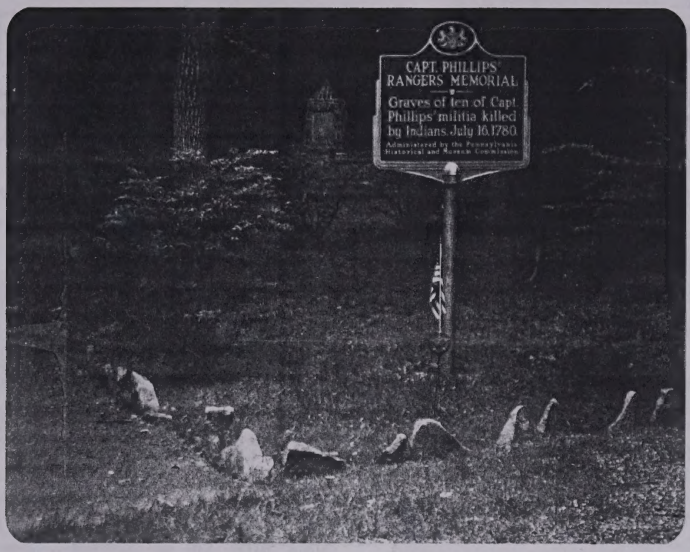
From 1834 to 1843, Thomas Shirleys heirs sold land thru their attorney, John Skinner to:
Wm. D. Stwart 30 acres, John Lail/Hail 10 acres, Richard Northcut 96 acres, Arthur Morris 53 acres, T. Crosthwait 148 acres, Pollard McKinney 126 acres.

Thank you for sending us your research Lois!

Note from your editor:

WHO IS THE FATHER OF WILLIAM T. SHIRLEY born about 1806 Kentucky? The answer is William T. Shirley was born March 7, 1806 Kentucky to William Shirley and his wife, Jemima Taylor, whom he married in 1801 in Nicholas County Kentucky. In 1810, William and Jemima are living in Bracken County Kentucky and in 1820, Harrison County Kentucky. By 1830 they are living in Monroe County Indiana.

William was the son of Richard Shirley who was born 1755 and was killed by the Indians in 1788 in Woodcock Valley, Bedford County, Pennsylvania. He was a Ranger in Capt. Phillips company. Richard's wife was Rachael Moore. Richard was the son of William Shirley brother John Shirley, the ancestor of your editors husband. (See Shirley NEWS Jan 1982 page 14-15).



CAPT. PHILLIPS' RANGERS MEMORIAL
Graves of ten of Capt. Phillips' Militia killed by Indians, July 16, 1780

Richard Shirley's listed on memorial in PA.

BOURBON COUNTY KENTUCKY TAX LIST

1826-27 No Shirleys

1828	**John Shirley**	1 male over 21	1 horse	
1829	**James Shirley**	1 male over 21	1 horse	
1830	**James Shirley**	1 male over 21		
	George S. Shirley	1 male over 21	1 horse	
	John Shirley	1 male over 21	3 horses	
1831	**Robert Shirley**	1 male over 21		
	George S. Shirley	1 male over 21	2 horses	
	James Shirley	1 male over 21	1 horse	1 black
	John Shirley, Sr.	1 male over 21	2 horses	
	John Shirley, Jr.	1 male over 21	1 horse	

1832-33 Tax books missing

BRACKEN COUNTY KENTUCKY TAX LIST

1817 William Shirley 150 acres on West Creek 1 male over 21 3 horses

1824-29 No Shirleys listed

1830 Tax books missing

SCOTT COUNTY KENTUCKY

1795	John Sherley			1 male over 21	7 horse	9 cattle	1 black
	Richard Sherley			1 male over 21	3 horses		
1796	Richard Sherley			2 male over 16	3 horses		
	Zekiel Sherley			2 male over 16	5 horses		
	Argey Sherley			3 male over 16	7 horses		
	Thomas Sherley						
	Richard Sherley						
1799	Richard Shirley			2 males over 21			
	John J. Shirley			1 male over 21	2 horses		
	Zekiel Shirley			1 male over 21	2 horses		
1800	Ezekiel Shirley			1 male over 21	3 horses		
1805	Ezekiel Shirley	___	Eagle Creek				
	Arge Shearly	55 acres	L. Run				
	Edmond Shearly	170 acres	L. Run				
	Margaret Shearly	90 acres	Dry Run				
1826	Ezekiel Shirley	400 acres	Eagle	1 male over 21	3 horses		
	Dickerson Shirley			1 male over 21			
	Elias Shirley			1 male over 21	1 horse		
	Esther Shirley	50 acres	Eagle	1 male over 21	3 horses		2 blacks
	Edward Shirley			2 male over 16	1 horse		1 black
1827	Elisha Shearly	50 acres	LeCompt	1 male over 21	3 horses		
	Elias Shirley			1 male over 21			
	Ezekiel Shirley			1 male over 21	4 horses		
1828	No Shirleys listed						
1829	Esther Shirley	55 acres	L. River	1 child 4-16 yr	1 horse		
1830	Esther Shirley	55 acres	L. River		1 horse		
1831	Esther Shirley	55 acres	L. River				
1832	Tax Book missing						
1833	Mrs. Esther Shirley	55 acres	L. River		1 horse		
1834	Tax Book missing						
1835	Esther Shirley	55 acres	L. River		3 horses		
1836	No Esther						

HARRISON COUNTY KENTUCKY

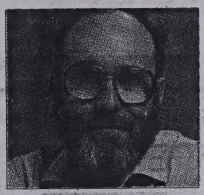
1826-29 No Shirleys

1830	William Shirley	1 male over 21

1831-32 Tax Book Missing

1833-35 No Shirleys

Disquieting dreams of my dad



JAY BRAKEFIELD
GUEST COLUMN

Recently I had a really strange dream about my dad, who died last March. In the dream, he came back as a ghastly zombie who refused to die again.

A few days later, I was telling my wife about the dream while we were out shopping. Boy, I told her, a Freudian analyst could really have a field day with that one. Then out of my mouth popped this remark: "It was sort of *Night of the Living Dad.*"

Had I been Catholic, I would have crossed myself. Instead, I furtively checked the sky over the supermarket parking lot for lightning bolts.

My father's name was Shirley Brakefield. He didn't have a middle name. He always said Shirley wasn't an uncommon name for boys until the popularity of Shirley Temple, a couple of decades after his birth in 1911.

He was named after an ancestor named Absalom Shirley. People often dipped into the Bible for names in those days, especially in places like Gamble Mines, Ala.

One of these years, I'll figure out if we're related to Belle Starr, who was born Myra Belle Shirley.

Gamble Mines, a coal-mining community northwest of Birmingham, is just a memory now, but there are still Brakefields in Walker County, and a Brakefield Dairy Road, though the dairy is long gone, too.

My grandfather, James A. Brakefield, was the mine foreman, and by all accounts a tyrant at home. When he was dying, my father recounted one of his own father's particularly insensitive deeds and mused to himself, "I don't know how Dad could have done that."

Coal miner's son

But his father was also a good provider who genuinely loved his children. When my dad was small, his father gave him a wagon and a couple of goats so he could sell coal. Later there was a succession of horses. My dad worked in the mine, too, starting as a child selling ice cream to the miners — a job that earned him a lifelong head scar when he walked into a coal shovel.

His father told him to go to college so he wouldn't spend his life in a coal mine, and he did, working his way through by age 19 — just in time for the Great Depression. That brought him to Houston in search of work.

Shirley Brakefield wasn't a big man, a couple of inches under 6 feet, but he had a commanding presence and a deep, booming voice that scared off the occasional obscene caller who'd seen "Shirley" in the phone book and made an unwarranted assumption. When he was laid out at the funeral home, I remarked, "I know he's dead, but I keep expecting him to sit up and start issuing orders."

About five minutes later, somebody else came in and said the same thing, almost word for word.

My father and I had the usual problems of fathers and sons, especially those who are too much alike for comfort. He always seemed like Mr. Businessman with his real estate and insurance office, his sport coats, his big cigars and his Pontiac Bonnevilles.

Tenderhearted

Actually, he was a tenderhearted person who at some time, for some reason, just kind of froze emotionally and was loath to reveal much of himself — like those males in comedy routines who pretend nothing is wrong when they're bleeding to death.

What happened to him? Unfulfilled ambition? His brief career as a Houston city councilman ended in a smear campaign by a now-defunct newspaper. His marriage to my mother was unhappy. He had to adjust to a world very different from the one he'd come from.

Ultimately, perhaps he never filled that hollow spot we have way inside us.

Who knows what's in a person's heart? I do know that as he lay dying, we communicated, without words, in a way we never had before, and it healed a lot of old wounds.

But I'm still haunted by that dream.

Jay Brakefield is a Today copy editor.

Ex-Sooner Finds Keys To Cold War

By Diane Plumberg
Staff Writer

Eugene Shirley has brought the Soviet Union out of the cold.

The Edmond native produced a four-part series for PBS on the Cold War that starts at 10 tonight and airs at 9 p.m. on the OETA network the next three Tuesdays.

"Messengers From Moscow" features witness accounts of pivotal Russians from behind the Iron Curtain.

It is the first time many of them have spoken about Stalin, the KGB, the Red army and the fall of the Soviet Union.

"Was the Cold War really necessary or a giant misunderstanding that could have been avoided?" Shirley said in a recent phone interview. "We came away knowing that the Cold War was fought for a very good reason, and we were glad we won."

Shirley said the production crews discovered that the Soviet Union's leaders had no intention of cooperating with the West and were planning to overtake Europe.

The first part of the four-part series, "The Struggle for Europe," features audiotapes never before broadcast in which Vyacheslav Molotov, Joseph Stalin's foreign minister and his closest confidant, described their expansionist aims and justified their mass murders.

In the second program, "The East is Red," leading officials recount how the plan to unite the Soviet Union and China turned into Moscow's biggest nightmare. It points to Stalin as the key to the outbreak of the Korean War.

The third program, "Fires in the Third World," reveals the Kremlin's hand in Cuba and Vietnam.

The final episode, "The Center Collapses," highlights the final decade of the Soviet empire and its collapse.

Shirley said the film changed direction often. "We started the series eight years ago," he said. "We started it, then the whole communist regime collapsed, so we had to redefine the series several times."

After graduating from Edmond Memorial High School in 1976, Shirley studied philosophy of religion at Union College in Nebraska and Claremont Graduate College in California.

He said his religious background led him to Russia to study the effects of oppression on religious practice.

Shirley's first production in Russia was "Candle in the Wind" about religion in the Soviet Union. "Messengers From Moscow" is his first series.

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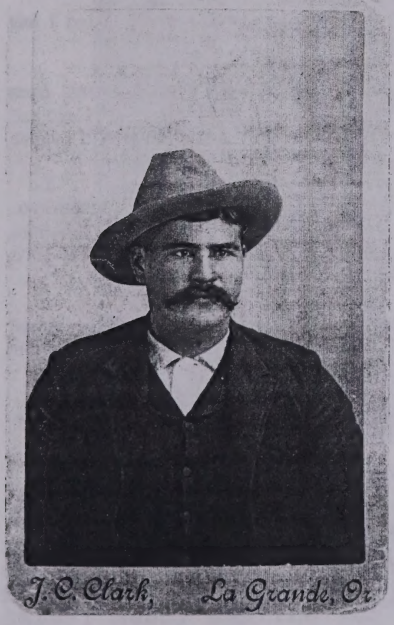
Top row, L to R: Frances Leannah, Henry Grant, Mary Della, George Washington Shirley
Bottom row: Nancy Catharine, Margaret Lucy, and Dora Ann Shirley, children of Garret and Mary Cropper Shirley. Garrett, son of Henry Shirley, brother of Jacob, sons of Valentine Shirley of VA. #29 on branch list. Photo sent by Donald R. Young.



THOMAS WILBUR SHIRLEY
born Aug 4, 1867 Orange Co. Indiana
son of Thomas S. and Mary Jane Lafferty Shirley
Thomas S. was the son of Jacob Shirley,
son of Valentine Shirley of Virginia

LILLIAN VICTORIA SHIRLEY
born Oct 29, 1902 Osage Co. KS
daughter of Thomas Wilbur Shirley

Photo's sent by Connie Beam

SEVERAL OF MY FAMILY WILL BE COMING WITH ME TO SHIRLEY PLANTATION!

From your editor:

My husband, **Guy, Donna**, (our oldest daughter whose husband was killed in that automobile accident a few years ago), **Delaine**, (my daughter who spent several months in 1994 helping me with the computer work and getting those colored brochures designed and the packets mailed out), **Chris**, (Delaines husband), **Michael** and **Jessica**, (my grandchildren by Delaine), **Pete Shirley**, (my husbands older brother), and two of his daughters are coming to the Shirley Convention with me. Unfortunately, Barbara (my niece who always travels with me), is unable to come.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM BETTY SHIRLEY

This will be the last Nationally organized Shirley Convention. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Due to pressure from my husband, I must discontinue my Shirley traveling. I will continue for a while longer with the Shirley Association work. I have many loose ends to tie up before I can consider my work done.

My fascination to learn more about the Shirleys and to help others learn about them continues to be as interesting to me today as it did when I started. Probably even more so.

The trips and research have been to costly for my continuance. As a result, I have accumulated a fair amount of debt on my credit cards which I struggle to pay on each month. Part of this debt was for merchandise with the Shirley Crest and the cost of colored brochures plus the postage for mailing those 6000 packets.

My husband is concerned about my debt, and insists that I get myself out of debt. He is right, and I feel overwhelmed by the pressure of the debt which is accumulating interest daily.

I will probably look for another babysitting job or part time employment. I did earn a good income from babysitting my grandchildren. I used part of that income on my travel. That discontinued about 2 years ago and I have been floating with flexible income since. I am not old enough to draw Social Security yet! HA! I receive no financial help from my husband on my travels or other expenses.

I guess I over estimated the importance of having merchandise with the crest available and colored brochures to send to Shirleys, which I thought would give a good image to the Association. I thought a colored brochure would get their attention and they would realize we were different from those other groups who claim they have written books on the Shirley ancestors, etc. These people are becoming a problem world wide.

Although we heard from quite a few Shirleys and many have purchased Shirley merchandise, the initial investment has not been cleared and contributes greatly to my debt. Some of that investment remains tied up in un-sold inventory.

Oh well! This is my problem and I have to deal with it. Just wanted to share this with you so you will know where I am coming from and why I have to curtail some of my activities.

I made a promise to my husband that I would end my traveling after we had one final convention at the Shirley Plantation in Virginia. The reason I insisted on this is because many of you have expressed to me in correspondence that you wanted to come to one of our conventions sometime. Others of you are newer and didn't know about Shirley Plantation and haven't had the opportunity to go there.

By announcing over a year ago that this would be our last convention, gave you an opportunity to make your plans to attend. I hope you've done so.

I'll look forward to seeing you at the Shirley Plantation in June 1995!

A.D. 1066

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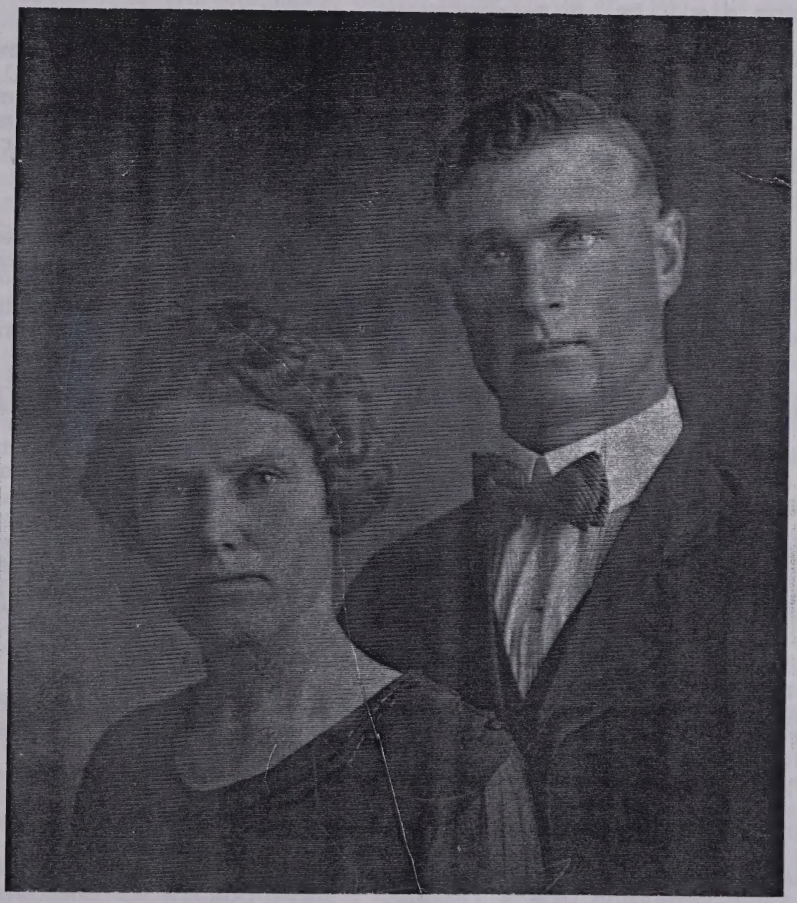

ROSCOE SHIRLEY and his wife ANNA NELSON SHIRLEY

Roscoe Shirley was born February 6, 1889 in Rosemont, Webster County, Nebraska. He was the son of Samuel Henry Shirley who was born August 13, 1847 in Brownsville, Hendrick County, Indiana. Samuel Henry was the son of Emela P. Shirley who was living in Boone Co. Indiana in the 1850 census. Emela was the son of Edmund who was the son of Argeland Shirley, #10 on the list of branches.

(see story on next page)

Mr. Warren Delber Shirley of Oregon received one of the 6000 packets of Shirley data we mailed to Shirleys in March of this year. He very kindly filled our the first page of the Shirley Ancestral Query and made this notation on that page.

"Dear Betty, I am sending you this information that my father, Roscoe T. Shirley gave me years ago. Neither my wife nor I have much interest in family history but we hope you can use it with your material. Sincerely, Warren D. Shirley". (They have no children).

Enclosed with this material was an old photo of Roscoe T. Shirley and his wife. (See front page of this issue).

Warren did order a cap with the Shirley coat of arms and I enclosed a thank you letter and said "I would like to at least share with you what I know about your Shirleys. You may enjoy reading it even though you have little interest. I am in contact with many members of your branch of the family. Your branch begins with Argeland"...and I proceeded to give the descent with a few other items.

He wrote a short time later saying..."Hello Betty, I received my cap and the NEWS letter June 15th and I am absolutely delighted with everything". He not only joined the Association but also enclosed membership for his sister in Texas. (Hope you don't mind my using your story, Warren. Welcome to the Association).

THE COOKBOOKS ARE HERE! HAVE YOU ORDERED YOURS YET?

The cookbooks were mailed within 24 hours of our receiving them. We only have 31 left. I would recommend getting your order in very soon.

The first letter we received about the cookbook was from Joe and Janelle Shirley of Odessa Texas... "Dear Betty, Just received our SHIRLEY FAMILY RECIPES cookbook today...and what a delight it is! We spent most of the afternoon just reading, checking recipes, and getting to know the names and hometowns of the other Shirleys. I'm sure in the future we'll be trying out some of the recipes with equal "relish", but for now, we're just "savoring" the book. You did a great job--the attractive cover, the Shirley Crest and Shirley history make it truly a family treasure. Thanks for allowing us to be a part of it all. Sincerely, Janelle and Joe Shirley.

NOTE: April 14th I received their first letter and they were replying to our packet of material they had just received. They say..."As you will note, we have very little information of the Shirley family beyond Joe's father. I have completed the Shirley Ancestral Query with all the info we have and hope it will assist you in furnishing us with missing "history" of our family"....They joined the Association.

I replied May 12th after reviewing their Query and were able to fill in their blanks taking them back to the first ancestor we know for their branch...#23 David Shirley and his wife Prudence Kelly of Darlington County SC.

JUST A COUPLE OF ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE SUCCESS WE HAVE HAD IN RESPONSE TO OUR MARCH 1994 PACKETS OF SHIRLEY DATA.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE EDITOR requests persons sending books for notice to state, for the information of readers, the price of each book, with the amount to be added for postage when sent by mail.

Stemmata Shirleiana; or the Annals of the Shirley family, Lords of Nether Etinden in the county of Warwick, and of Shirley in the county of Derby. [Arms.] Second Edition, Corrected and Enlarged. Printed and published by Nicholas and Sons, 25 Parliament Street, Westminster. 1873. [4to. pp. 435.]

The History of the County of Monaghan. By EVELYN PHILIP SHIRLEY, Esquire, M.A., F.S.A., M.R.I.A. London: Pickering and Co., 196 Piccadilly. 1879. [8vo. pp. 618.]

The family of Shirley, whose history is here so carefully traced, is one of the comparatively few which has maintained its position and possessions from the earliest dates. After the Norman conquest, Henry de Ferrers obtained Eatenden, and after him one Sasuualo held it. From this Sasuualo the Shirleys have continued in an unbroken line of male descendants, successively the owners of the estate, for eight centuries.

The fifth of the line was Sir Sewallis de Eatington, whose son was Sir James de Shirley, living A.D. 1278, who preferred to take his name from another manor, that of Shirley, co. Derby, which had been in the family an equally long time. His grandson, Sir Thomas Shirley, married Isabella, sister and heir of Ralph, last baron Bassett of Drayton. This was apparently the first great match of the Shirleys, as Ralph Bassett had married Joan, sister to John, Duke of Brittany.

The son and heir of Sir Thomas was Ralph, who had two wives and died A.D. 1466. From his second marriage came the Shirleys of Sussex, afterwards to be mentioned. His grandson, Sir Ralph, had four wives and only one son, Francis. This Francis died in 1571; his great-grandson, Sir Henry Shirley, bart., who died in 1633, made the second great match of the family, his wife being Dorothy, daughter of Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex and of Ewe, the near relative and unfortunate favorite of Queen Elizabeth. Lady Shirley's brother, who was restored in blood and honors in 1603, had an only son who died an infant; and hence at the death of the Earl in 1646, his estates were divided between his two sisters Frances, wife of the Duke of Somerset, and Dorothy Shirley. The Shirleys obtained, with various other property, one half of the barony of Farney in the county of Monaghan, Ireland, still owned by them.

Sir Robert Shirley, his son, the second baronet, was a Royalist, and, despite all fines and sequestrations, was so wealthy that in 1653 he built a church at his estate of Staunton Harold, for which display of zeal Cromwell ordered him to build a ship for the state.

His son Sir Robert Shirley, bart., was made Baron Ferrors of Chartley in 1677, Earl Ferrers and Viscount Tamworth in 1711, and died in 1717. He married twice, and here the family is again divided. From his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Lawrence Washington of Garesdon, co. Wilts, the peers of the line are descended; from his second wife, Selina Finch, the present possessors of Eatington.

The first Earl had sons Washington and Henry, successively 2d and 3rd earls; then the title went to the sons of their brother Lawrence, namely, Lawrence, Washington and Robert, the 4th, 5th and 6th earls. Robert had sons Robert, 7th earl, and Washington, eighth earl. The only grandson of this last was Washington, 9th earl, whose son Sewallis Edward, born in 1847, is the present, 10th earl. He has no brothers.

The next branch is descended from Walter, brother of the 4th, 5th and 6th earls, whose only grandson was Walter Augustus Shirley, Bishop of Sodor and Man, who died in 1847, leaving one son and two grandsons.

We now return to the Eatington branch, descended from the second marriage of the first Earl. His son, Hon. George Shirley,* inherited this estate, and had a son Evelyn who died in 1810. The son of the latter was Evelyn John, father of Evelyn Philip Shirley the present owner and the author of these books. The latter married Mary, daughter of Sir Edmund Hungerford Lechmere, bart., and has a son Sewallis Evelyn, born in 1844, M. P. for Monaghan.

Evelyn Philip Shirley has not only maintained the honor of the family as a member of Parliament, but he has distinguished himself as an antiquary. Besides these volumes and one on Deer Parks, he has published a work on the Noble and Gentle Men of England, which reached its third edition in 1866. In this most valuable work he pointed out that only about three hundred and thirty families remain in England in the male line, which were of knightly or gentle rank before the commencement of the seventeenth century and still hold that position.

To return to our main subject. It seems that Sir Thomas Shirley, son of the first baronet, had at least five sons living in 1650. He was a "Popish Recusant," and seems to have suffered for his loyalty. Although he was the antiquary of the family, little is known of his descendants.

The recognized cadet branch of the Shirleys was, as we have noted, settled at Wiston in Sussex. To this line belong the three brothers, Sir Anthony, Sir Robert and Sir Thomas Shirley, who distinguished themselves in the seventeenth century by their travels in the East. The last of the line at Wiston was this Sir Thomas who sold his estate. His grandson, Dr. Thomas S., vainly tried to recover it, and died of grief in 1678, leaving sons Thomas and Richard, untraced. A younger son of the first Ralph Shirley of Wiston, was Thomas S. of West-Grinstead, co. Sussex, whose eldest line expired in 1607. Evidently from the West-Grinstead line were descended the Shirleys of Preston, co. Sussex, beginning with Anthony who died in 1624. His grandson Thomas had sons Sir Anthony, bart., and William; the line of baronets ceased in 1705: William was grandfather of William Shirley of Ote Hall, co. Sussex, Governor of Massachusetts. Gov. Shirley's son Thomas was made a baronet, and had two sons who died unmarried.

To the foregoing synopsis of this book there remains only to add that it is abundantly fortified by quotations from deeds and records, and illustrated by pedigrees and arms.

We have left but little space to notice the other book by Mr. Shirley. The county of Monaghan is in the province of Ulster, with the county of Fermanagh northwest, and that of Louth south-east. These three stretch across the island from Lough Erne to Dundalk Bay. Monaghan is 37 miles in its greatest length, and 28 miles in its greatest breadth; it contains 319,757 acres, nine-tenths arable land. It was at an early date the possession of the Mac Mahons, or the O'Neils their lords. In 1576 Walter, Earl of Essex, received from Queen Elizabeth a grant of the barony of Farney in this county, the Mac Mahons being confirmed in the rest. In 1590 the chief Mac Mahon was executed for treason, but his lands were divided among the principal gentry of the name. Excepting the estates held by the heirs of Essex and Lord Blayney, the land remained in Irish hands until the rebellion of 1641. The Cromwellian settlement followed, and from that time onward the changes have been innumerable.

As has already been shown, Mr. Shirley is a large owner of land in the barony of Farney, as one of the heirs of Essex. He has not only the name of being a good landlord, but he has been a resident, has built a large house there, has represented the county in Parliament, and now has prepared a thorough and impartial account of its local history.

*** We may note that his sister, Lady Mary Shirley, m. Charles Tryon, of Bulwick, and their son was Lt. Gen. William Tryon, Governor of New York.**

Evelyn Philip Shirley, A.M., F.S.A., of Ettington Park, Stratford-on-Avon, England, a corresponding member, admitted Oct. 20, 1880, was born at South Audley Square, London, Jan. 22, 1812, and died at his residence in Stratford-on-Avon, England, Sept. 19, 1882.

He was the eldest son of Evelyn John Shirley, who was born at Lower Ettington, Warwickshire, April 26, 1788. His mother's name was Eliza Stanhope, who was born July 7, 1785, in Somerset Street, Portman Square, London. On his father's side the subject of this sketch traces his line back through twenty-four generations to Saswalo (otherwise spelled Sasuualo), who purchased the old ancestral estate, and occupied it 1079–1086.

At the age of eight he was sent to a private school at Twyford, near Winchester, and afterwards was placed under the care of a private tutor near Oxford. At or about the age of fourteen he was sent to Eton, and about the age of eighteen was entered at the College of St. Magdalen, Oxford, as a gentleman Commoner. In due course of study, he here received the degrees of B.A. and M.A. Afterwards he travelled extensively on the continent of Europe. Returning to England, he was elected to the office of high sheriff in county Monaghan in 1837, and in 1841 was chosen M. P. for the same County. In 1853, 1857 and 1859 he had his seat in Parliament from South Winchester. He was also high sheriff for South Winchester in 1867. He was one of the royal commission on Endowments, and was Trustee of Rugby School, of St. Columbis College, Dublin, and of Natural Portrait Gallery.

Mr. Shirley has written extensively. In 1841 he published his *Stemmata Shirleiana*, a handsome volume of 435 pages, which is in the library of our society. In this he traces the Shirley genealogy through the twenty-four generations above spoken of. In 1845 he published a work entitled *Some account of the territory of Farney*, one of the ancestral estates. In 1848 appeared the *Shirley Brothers*, and in 1851 a book with the title, *Original Letters on the Church of Ireland* In 1859 appeared *Noble and Gentle Men of England*. Second and third editions of this last named work were published in 1860 and 1866. In 1859 he first published a book on *Lough Fea*, also one of his ancestral estates. A second edition appeared in 1869. In 1867 he published *Some account of English Deer Parks*. In 1869 were published *Church of Ireland—Reformation in Church of Ireland—Why is the Church of Ireland to be robbed?* three tracts. In 1869, *Historical Sketch on Endowments of Church of Ireland*. In 1872, *On Revision—Letter to the Primate*. A second edition of the last was issued in 1873. In 1874, *On Tenant Right*. 1879, *History of County of Monaghan*. 1880, *Lower Ettington*.

NOTE: Photocopies of the Stemmata Shirleiana of 1873 written by Evelyn Philip Shirley, (in above article) may be ordered through the Shirley Association. Price is $65 plus 10% for mailing costs.

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plus 10% mailing costs

Battery powered quartz movement with conventional hands to indicate time. Water resistant. Gold plated case with black leather band. Available in two sizes, man or ladies. Mans watch shown. Ladies in smaller size. (Coat of Arms in center of watch is in color).

FROM "TRACES" OF SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY Vol 13 Fall 1985...

A muster roll of Capt. Thompson Crenshaw Company of Detached Kentucky Militia of the 11 Regt. Saml. Caldwell Coln showing the distance they had marched at the time of dismissal, by order of Governor Shelby.

Distance from place of residence, 42 miles. **CALEB SHIRLEY** is listed as being in this company and the date is **May 8, 1813.**

This roster was discovered in some old papers by Judge Shelly T. Riherd and contributed by James M. Simmons. **This is the only known record of this company.**

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SHIRLEY - COX: Newton Shirley married Caroline Polk Cox 1873. Did they divorce and each remarry ? George T. Shirley married Mary Ellen Cox 1882. Apparently neither couple had children. Would like to know what happened to these families. Caroline Polk Cox was half-sister and Mary Ellen Cox a full sister to my grandfather Robert Samuel Cox. Write: Louise Cox 205 Lanelle Cove, Senatobia, MS 38668. [Tell her you saw it in the Shirley NEWS].

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Sheriff's Delinquent Tax List...The amount shown to be owing was $1.00, the date was 1st Monday of November 1850 in Glasgow KY. On the list was William Shirley, 9th Company.

BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY, STRAYS BOOK I.

Note: A Stray Book was when someone found stray livestock. They would report it to the County Court Clerk and they would then be put on record for anyone that had lost one.

This record helps us to learn the vicinity of the county in which our ancestors lived.

On Nov. 2, 1833, Richard Shirley, 10 mi E of Glasgow on the Columbia road.

On Nov 22, 1834 William A. Shirley, on the Great road about 1 mi S of Prewetts Knob.

BASEBALL AMERICA VOL 13 Jan 10-23, 1994

ALVIN "TEX" SHIRLEY, a pitcher on the only St. Louis Browns team to reach the World Series, died of lung cancer Nov. 7th in De Soto, Texas. He was 75.

Shirley pitched five years in the majors for the Philadelphia Athletics (1941-42) and Browns (1944-46), going 19-30, 4.25 in 102 games. He pitched two scoreless innings in the 1944 World Series, which the Browns lost to the crosstown Cardinals in six games.

Shirley later certified gas flows for natural gas sales by the Valero Energy Co. in Texas. He was elected to the Texas baseball hall of fame in 1981.

SENT BY: Alan Lamb

FROM: Planter and Laborers, page 71
SENT BY: Frances Scruby

(Virginia)...

By far the biggest park-land plantation I've learned about was Thomas Shirley's. His home base was above Syria, maybe a mile from the present park line. Apparently he'd owned about six thousand acres of foothills and lowland, then acquired Barbour's biggest Big Survey. Madison County Virginia records show he was paying taxes on 48,933 acres around 1850, and some of his land at one time or another was in Page and Rappahanock counties as well. There were lots of slaves, tobacco fields and other crops, at least one mill, probably extensive timber cutting, and distilleries scattered all around the Blue Ridge- the historian Ann Brush Miller says even out into West Virginia- making excellent and legal liquor. Much could be learned about Shirley and his domain, but at present myth and fact are tangled together. His three and one-half-story house just south of Old Rag Mountain still stands solidly beside the Rose (Row's) River; it is now a Christian counseling center. Thomas Shirley died about 1851, and his grave, in accordance with his will, was marked by a pile of stones.

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR...

Thomas Shirley was the son James and Judith Garriott Shirley, #21* on your list of branches. Madison County Virginia was formed from Culpeper County in 1792/93. It appears James Shirley died about 1791 as his estate is appraised June 20, 1791. Judith Garriott Shirley died in Madison County Jan. 3, 1831 according to the early records of the Robinson River Baptist Church. The James Shirley name appears in the records of Culpeper County as early as 1763. His father has not yet been identified.

A large part of the present information about the early descendants of James Shirley and his wife, Judith, derives from the suit papers in the Circuit Court of Madison County Virginia, to determine the disposition of the estate of one of their sons, Thomas, who died there intestate in July 1845. Thomas and his brother, Zachariah, were bachelor twins who lived together and between them amassed a fortune in land and slaves. A tax record, for instance, shows holdings of 48,933 acres (over 75 miles) in Madison County alone and a division of the slaves in 1853 listed over 100 of them by name and value. Moreover, the "Appraisement and Sale Book of T. Shirley's Estate", recorded in Madison County in 1846, contains 58 itemized ledger-size pages and after deductions of $8,776 3/4 for "Unavailable Bonds and Accounts", the appraised value of the estate came to $73,931.25 3/4 not including land. This was not an inconsequential estate in those days and well worth the contest.

Zachariah died in January 1826 and in his will left everything to his brother, Thomas, with certain provisions. One of these concerned two illegitimate sons, Zachariah and James, (by different mothers), for whom, he stated, "I mean to make provision...if there prudence and econnimy will merit the same, by taking care for themselves and conducting themselves uprightly toward the rest of the world". On the basis of this acknowledgement, Zachariah, Jr., the surviving son at the time of his uncles death, petitioned the court to estimate the amount

of his father's estate at the time of his death and grant him one half, if it was determined his half brother was entitled to an interest under the terms of the will, and if not, to grant him its entirety, taking into account subsequent rents and profits from the sale of real estate and hiring out of slaves as well as his father's interest in the perishable property. Petition was made also by the heirs of his deceased half brother, James. The twins' brothers and sisters or their descendants countered as the legitimate heirs of the estate and the ensuing litigation, extending over many years, establishes many family relationships. From this and other genealogical material, it has been determined that James and Judith Shirley had thirteen children.

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* IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LIST OF BRANCHES, PLEASE WRITE AND REQUEST ONE. (SEND A SELF ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE).

WASHINGTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST GRAND JURY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA.

The second meeting of the County Court of Washington County was held in May 1778 at the home of Col. Charles Robertson and at this meeting the very first Grand Jury for the county was empaneled and sworn in. It included **ROBERT SHIRLEY** among 26 other names.

FROM: Tennessee Cousins by Ray

1790 CENSUS OF PENNSYLVANIA

SHALLY	
Adam	Lebanon Township, Lancaster County Pennsylvania
Balzer	Lebanon Township, Lancaster County Pennsylvania
John	Lebanon Township, Lancaster County Pennsylvania
Lucas	Lebanon Township, Lancaster County Pennsylvania
Joseph	Upper Millford, Northampton County Pennsylvania
SHEELY	
Christian	Mt. Pleasant, York County Pennsylvania
Jacob	Mt. Pleasant, York County Pennsylvania
Widow	Mt. Pleasant, York County Pennsylvania
Nicholas	Mount Joy, York County Pennsylvania
Christopher	York Township,York County Pennsylvania
SHERLEY	
Richard	Hopewell, Bedford County Pennsylvania
William	Hopewell, Bedford County Pennsylvania
William, Jr.	Hopewell, Bedford County Pennsylvania
SHIRELY	
Robert	Springfield Township, Bucks County Pennsylvania
SHIRLEY	
Robert	Durham, Bucks County Pennsylvania
Thomas	Hamilton, Cumberland County Pennsylvania
Valentine	High St. Ward, City of Philadelphia, PA

1992 SHIRLEY REUNION
(First Cousins)

Photo and letter from June Osterbur (sent June 29, 1994).

My branch of the Shirleys was descended from Thomas and Molly Grubbs Shirley. (#7 on the list of branches). Our grandfather was Benjamin Thomas Shirley the son of Levi and Nancy Ann Smith Shirley. Benjamin married Arminta Belle Smith and that union produced 10 children, one was my mother.

In 1940, some of the cousins decided they should have a "Cousins Reunion". The first cousins ultimately totaled 47, some of which were not born until after the first reunion. This will be our 54th year. It will be held September 4th in Royal Illinois. Each year we bring craft items or "white elephants" for an auction. This creates alot of fun bidding and also raises money for the next year's reunion.

We celebrated our 50th reunion 4 years ago. There were 120 in attendance. At that auction, we sold rocks that we gathered at the sight of Thomas and Molly Shirleys cornerstone in Barren County Kentucky. I told where the rocks came from and about the Shirley Convention I attended with my 3 first cousins and how much we had enjoyed it.

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR...

I remember these gals very well. They were having a great time and we all enjoyed their company and excitement as we toured the Shirley area with James Young, father of two of the young men who play in the Country music group, THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS. We actually had lunch at James Young's place before we took off for our tour of the old Shirley homesteads and cemeteries. The convention was held in Cave City Kentucky in 1990.

EDGECOMBE and GREEN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SHIRLEYS

(From your editor)

In 1991 our National Shirley convention was held in Manassas Virginia. I gave a report on this research trip through North Carolina and several other states in our Summer 1991 issue, pages 2-4. I did not elaborate very much on our stop in Green County NC at that time because of space in that issue. The purpose for my stop in Green County was to locate an old Shirley cemetery "way back in a field" according to Shirley info in my files.

We drove to Snow Hill, Green County and located the County Clerks office. We did some research and as we prepared to leave, I asked if anyone knew where the old Shirley cemetery was. I gave them what little info I had. They made a couple of calls and located a Frances Manning who wanted to talk to me. She said she lived across the road from it and invited us to come by.

When we arrived, they invited us in and were very friendly. Frances Manning said her father was George Clayton Shirley born October 8, 1894. He died in 1960. Mr. Manning drove us back into the field to the old cemetery in the midst of bushes and a few weeds that had just sprouted up. Some of the stones were broken and hard to read because of age. The oldest Shirley with readable headstone in this cemetery was Bird Shirley who was born in 1795. The following is the family info.

Richard Shirley was living in Edgecombe County NC in 1777, He married first the daughter of James and Rebecca Waller. She was the mother of his children John, Henry, James, Starling, Richard, Davis and Uriah. He married second Delilah Edwards, the daughter of Elizabeth Edwards Alsbrook. Her children were Nathan, Bird, Murphy Weaver and Nancy Edwards.

Will of Richard, November Court 1823. Richard Shirley of Edgecombe County NC. All to wife Delilah Shirley during her life. To daughter Nancy Edwards, $100, to son Bird, $100; to daughter Murphy, $100; to Elsey Marley $12. At the death of Delilah that my land and all the rest of the property if any to be equally divided among my children here named: John, Henry, James, Starling, Richard, Davis, Uriah, Bird, Nathan Shearly. Executor: Edmond Edwards.

JAN 1959

GEORGE CLAYTON SHIRLEY

GEORGE CLAYTON, wife LENA, son, ALTON and his wife MARY ELLEN, with two grandsons, J.P. and JOHNNY JONES.

THE SHIRLEYS OF KELSO CALIFORNIA

Basically, Kelso has always been a railroad settlement because the railroad is the only reason for its existence.

The Ben Shirley family are of Navajo ancestry and he was in his early 20s when he brought his family to Kelso and went to work for Union Pacific in 1945. Ben bought a small house at the east end of town. He served on the old Kelso school board.

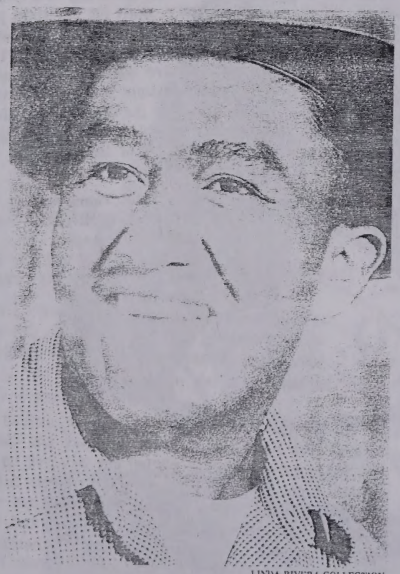
On his days off from his railroad work Ben would often take on various other jobs on several of the East Mojave cattle ranches, doing mostly fence and corral construction. That is how I first became acquainted with the Shirley family, nearly 30 years ago.

Ben Shirley would usually bring his kids along with him on these jobs. Because the kids of the Shirley family were taught how to work in their early years, they have always been gainfully employed in their adult lives.

They lost their mother, Alberta, when she passed away in 1967, while most of the kids were still in their teens or younger. Ben finished raising them by himself. He remained a widower for several years before he remarried.

In the mid 1980's Ben's father died in Arizona.

FROM: East Mojave Diary by Bob Ausmus
ARTICLE SENT BY: Jemima Shirley



LINDA RIVERA COLLECTION

Ben Shirley was in his early 20s when he brought his family to Kelso and went to work for Union Pacific. He had served with the Marines in World War II.

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR...
I condensed the article because of space. It would be interesting to learn more about this group of Shirleys. I understand several of the family is living in the Barstow California area.

Membership

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MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO HAS A SHIRLEY ANCESTOR.

Your support will be greatly appreciated as we continue to work on the Shirley heritage. Please introduce our Association to other family members.

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Shirley Association, 10256 Glencoe Dr.
Cupertino, CA 95014 USA

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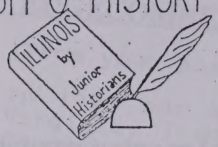

Perhaps the biggest man who ever lived in Bloomington was Leonard "Baby" Bliss. Leonard weighed only twelve pounds when he was born and he grew normally until he was about five years old. By the time he was eleven, he was six feet tall and weighed 180 pounds. He reached his full height of six foot, four inches by the time he was seventeen years old. He continued gaining weight for several years and at one time he tipped the scales at 565 pounds.

One winter morning "Baby" Bliss was found frozen to death in his kitchen. It is believed that he passed out from escaping gas in his kitchen and then froze when the fire in his kitchen went out.

"Baby" always had a kind word for everyone. His cheery smile and his wonderful personality made him a long-remembered "baby" of Bloomington.

75 Years Ago

Aug. 26, 1901 — The late Asa H. Moore, well-known Bloomington resident, used to recall this tale about the town of Shirley and how it was named: "Along in 1854 I was superintendent of the Chicago & Alton or as it was then called, the Chicago & Mississippi. We concluded to make a siding where Shirley now is, and I said to my wife, 'What shall we name the new station?' The novel 'Shirley' by Charlotte Bronte was then a great favorite, and we were greatly charmed with it. My wife's reply was prompt. 'Wouldn't Shirley be a good name?' Said I, that's it exactly. If the town should grow up with a character like Shirley Keeldar's, I will be satisfied."

100 Years Ago

April 14, 1876 — SHIRLEY: Mr. Braselton has completed his new blacksmith shop and is doing a lively business, as the farmers are bringing in their plows and machinery to get sharpened, ready for the spring campaign. As the mud is now dried, up, there will be no excuse now for the loafers not having anything to do.

EVEN BETTER

Don't jump at conclusions: An even better one might be just about ready to appear.

NEW TWIST

They've bottles, now, for medicine
That have a special lid.
They can't be opened, it is said,
By any prowling kid.

This special lid or top is safe
And rids one of concern.
It will not yield to childish yank
Or common twist or turn.

I have a bottle full of pills
I keep upon a shelf.
The top's secure—I've tried, and I
Can't open it myself.

First born

The first president to be born in the United States of America was Martin Van Buren, on Dec. 5, 1782. All preceding presidents were born during the British colonial rule.

50 Years Ago

July 7, 1914—The hard road running southwest of Bloomington to Shirley is already beginning to show wear in places. It is no wonder for most every time an auto leaves Bloomington for a joy ride, it is down the hard road. Probably that road has had 10 times the travel it otherwise would have had and that very thing shows how such roads are liked.

TUCK-AWAY THOUGHTS

Pet Habits

by Catherine H. Garrett

Dogs lie with forepaws to the fire.

Cats seldom lie with feet toward a fire, and usually lie on their left side.

Parakeets like to perch on mirror frames and there talk and look at themselves.

Hens scratch for food with the sun behind them.

Goldfish usually swim around a tank following the direction to the right.

Calves rise on their back feet first.

Colts rise on their front feet first.

100 Years Ago

Feb. 20, 1876 — The traveling public will no longer find occasion to pass Shirley by after the first of March, as the Shirley House is to be fitted up and furnished so as to accommodate them.

Feb. 24, 1929 — The year 1850, notable as the period in which this city was incorporated, also stands forth in the history of this county seat as the founding date of Illinois Wesleyan university. Agitation of the subject of a university caused James Allin, first settler of this territory, to offer a site of 10 acres to the proposed institution. This site was located near the Chicago & Alton shops but when the land was needed for that road the university officials traded their tract for the present location. The school was opened in September of 1851, the Rev. William Goodfellow and the Rev. Reuben Andrus being in charge.

100 Years Ago

Jan. 24, 1876 — Quite a number have already ascended the city stand-pipe and have all so far pronounced themselves satisfied with the view. Shirley is just under your feet, provided they are big enough, and Hudson can be seen with great distinctness.

A whodunit is a fellow who always seeks to place the blame for a boo-boo elsewhere.

An early attempt at harnessing a unique energy source to mow the lawn never quite became popular — it was called "son" power.

100 Years Ago

Jan. 4, 1876 — SHIRLEY: Elder Vandervort, pastor of the Christian Church at this place, Sunday evening took up the subject of dancing, denouncing it in language most bitter and sarcastic. He said that those who practiced it were generally of a lower grade of society, unfit for Christian people to associate with. Quite a number of the best gentlemen and ladies in the community have been having social dances at their private houses and never knew until told by the preacher that they were so disrespectable. There is generally better order at those dances than at Elder Vandervort's meetings.

100 Years Ago

Dec. 17, 1875 — SHIRLEY: Prof. Scott has organized a singing school in the Christian church, and will hold forth for 12 weeks every Wednesday evening.

Q.—While driving near Normal, my wife and I came across a town by the name of Shirley. Can you tell us where it got its name and what is the population? I'm asking because my wife's name is Shirley.

Thomas O. Myers Jr., Elmhurst

A.—We ran into one roadblock after another until we located Ivan Light, an attorney who lives just east of Shirley. His great-grandfather platted out 20 acres for the town in 1866. Light said that when the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad reached the hamlet in 1852, the townspeople decided to set up a Post Office. That meant the town had to have a name, Light said. The wife of the first postmaster, Corydon Weed, had read the novel "Shirley" by Charlotte Bronte and thought that title would be a good name for the town. And so Shirley was dubbed. Depending upon how many surrounding farms are included, population estimates run from 125 to 15-

THE TOWN OF SHIRLEY IS IN MC LEAN COUNTY ILLINOIS AS WRITTEN IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SHIRLEY NEWS, PAGE 9. THIS SHEET WAS ENCLOSED IN THE MATERIAL FOR THAT STORY.

A.D. 1066

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ROBERT WASHINGTON SHIRLEY, 13th EARL FERRER

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The Earl Ferrer descends from Robert Shirley, the first Earl Ferrer of the early 1600's and his wife, Elizabeth Washington. This branch of the Shirleys lived at Staunton Harold in England. It was the father of the first Earl Ferrer that built the church at Staunton Harold (pictured below with Shirleys who attended the International Shirley Convention in 1989), during Cromwells time. He was sent to the Tower of London where he died at age 27 years.

In 1982, the Earl Ferrer was Minister of State for Agriculture. He spoke for the Government in the House of Lords for the Department of Employment as well as the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. He was also Deputy Leader of the Upper House and was made a Privy Councillor in June 1982. He retired a few years later but was soon asked to return as Deputy Leader of the Lords and become a Home Office Minister. He currently (1995), is active in this position in the House of Lords, Parliment.

An article in the London Times states the Lord Ferrer is popular and imposing and enjoys a penchant for practical jokes.

STAUNTON HAROLD CHURCH and SHIRLEYS in 1989

The size of the church is well illustrated in this photo.

SHIRLEYS BURIED IN BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY

Sent by Kevin Luck

POPLAR SPRINGS CEMETERY

Gertie Shirley, wife of N.T., 1879-1923

LICK BRANCH CEMETERY

John Shirley Nov 25, 1861 - May 2, 1926
Laura Shirley July 22, 1869 - Feb 16, 1938
W.C. Shirley Aug 31, 1897 - Oct 27, 1915
Mary E. Shirley ___ - ___

SPOTTSWOOD CEMETERY

Elizabeth Shirley 1856 - 1933
William Shirley 1851 - 1928
Nora Shirley 1868 - 1961

MAYFIELD CEMETERY

Artema D. Moss Feb 14, 1833 - June 27, 1889 (Wife of Robert Shirley)
Robert Shirley July 1, 1831 - Mar 9, 1911
Medina Ellen Shirley Oct 7, 1860 - Aug 18, 1919

SHIRLEY CEMETERY
(Billingsley farm & Slick Rock, back of house)

Richard Shirley May 25, 1845 - Mar 2, 1928
Eliza Pullman W. May 1, 1859 - June 15, 1918

PELHAM CEMETERY

Daniel Shirley Mar 1783 - Oct 6, 1823

WALNUT HILL CEMETERY

W.T. Shirley July 29, 1839 - May 23, 1889 Company B 21 Ky Inf.
Jesse M. Shirley age 91, 8 months, 8 days - May 6, 1967
U.L. Shirley May 18, 1869 - Apr 5, 1915
J.A. Shirley Aug 4, 1877 - June 20, 1941
Cyrena Shirley Oct 30, 1844 - Oct 30, 1925
W. William Shirley ___ -
Barnett N. Shirley Feb 7, 1871 - Aug 24, 1956, Spanish Amer. War

OLD SHIRLEY CEMETERY

Utishia E. Galloway June 7, 1860 - July 14, 1882 wife/ Joseph Shirley
Thomas Shirley May 20, 1812 - May 1, 1873

OLD TWYMAN CEMETERY

Robert Lewis Shirley Nov 25, 1834 - Aug 7, 1897
Elizabeth Shirley Sept 28, 1838 - Oct 3, 1920

BARREN COUNTY MORTGAGE BOOK #1 1829-1833

Mar 20, 1829, William Shirley sold cow to Caroline McFerrer.
Oct 12, 1829, Wm. McFerrer sold Wm. Shirley 2600 acres of land in Sumner County Tennessee.
_____, Elizabeth Shirley to Murrell jointly with Moses Shirley and James H. Shirley
_____, George Y. Shirley and James M. Gorin of Glasgow KY

INFO FROM: GENEALOGIES OF KENTUCKY FAMILIES O-Y

John W. Shirley born Nov 25, 1854 (from Samuel Evertt's Bible)
Ann Mary Shirley born July 17, 1856
George Shirley married Sallie Jane Allen,
daughter of Isaac Allen and Mary Wright

KENTUCKY GENEALOGY AND BIOGRAPHY

Volume #2

Thomas and Nancy (SHIRLEY) Coleman from Albemarle Co. VA to KY
Son: Benj. Coleman married Lydia (Wheat) Coleman.
Their son was:
Dr. James B. Coleman born Aug 15, 1842 near Edmonton, KY

Volume #5

In 1871 Tom Shirley bought a distillery in New Hope, KY from Edward Miles. WHAT COUNTY IS NEW HOPE IN ???_____

In Feb 1841, Squire Murphy married Mary P. Shirley (1818-1847), the daughter of Joshua and Polly Shirley of Nelson Co. KY.

KENTUCKY MARRIAGES EARLY TO 1800

Margerte Shirley m. John Dillon Apr 15, 1798 MASON CO. KY
Nancy Shirley m. Francis Travis Nove 10, 1795 MADISON CO. KY
Susannah Shirley m. Benj. Proctor Mar 8, 1787 _____ KY

KENTUCKY PIONEER GENEALOGY AND RECORDS VOLS 1-5

James Shirley married Elizabeth Hall Nov 19, 1830
George Shirley married Jane Sally Allen Sept 29, 1830
William C. Shirley married Rebbeca Biship (born 1809)
children: Malinda L., Martin, William, Francis "Franck", Amanda Martin Jackson, John H., Newton, Eliz.
Frances G. Shirley married Josiah Chapline Culp
son: Paul Shirley Culp
Louis Shirley
son: George Thomas born Apr 7, 1852 Bath Co. KY

NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES PRIOR TO 1700

Robert Shirley (died 1711) and Sarah (Easton); birth of first child, _____ Jan 20, 1687 Halifax County _____.

VIRGINIA SETTLERS AND ENGLISH ADVENTURES

Aug 9, 1650 John Shirley mentioned in "the Bill of Complaint of Mary Moindeford versus John Whitturne"

VIRGINIA'S COLONIAL SOLDIERS

At a Court Martial held Oct 27, 1758, Robert Shirley was fined 20 shillings for missing one private and one general muster in Captain Henry Speer's company.

ENGLISH ORIGINS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS, 1991

James Sherly was "borne vppon London Bridge, within the parish of St. Magnus, and hath for fourteene or fifteene yeares kept house and family in the parish of St. Michael's, Crooked Lane, and borne all offices there." He is now Renter-Warden of the Gold-Smith's Company.

James Shirley of the City of London, goldsmith, deposes Nov 20, 1624 age 33. He is the treasurer of the New England Company.

MAYFLOWER ANCESTRAL INDEX VOLUME #1

Henry White Shirley married Lucy Baldwin (no dates given)
Richard Henry Shirley married Esther Mae Speck

BEGGINNINGS: THOMAS COOPER OF SPRINGFIELD

Mary Shirley born May 19, 1719 in KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT, married Ebenezer Scott, born May 29, 1719 died Oct 26, 1804. Mary was the daughter of David Shirley who died Dec 27, 1786.

ABSTRACTS OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION FILES VOL N-Z

Bennet Shirley/Shurley, wife Susanna Maryland line, W3878, BLW #11706-100-1791 and was reissued May 27, 1839 under special act. Widow applied for pension Aug 11, 1838 at Baltimore Maryland, aged 56. Soldier and widow had married May 15, 1793. Soldier died at Baltimore Maryland in 1810; on May 23, 1939, the only surviving children were: Ann Sophia Bennet and Ann Maria Gunby, both of Baltimore Maryland.

Daniel Shirley, New Hampshire line, S40412, soldier enlisted at Londonderry in Rockingham County New Hampshire. He applied May 30, 1818 at Clarence in Niagara County New York, aged 56 years. His wife died about 1813. In 1820 several of his children were living but no names were given. In 1826 he was living in Warren County Pennsylvania.

James Shirley, Susan Greenough former widow. Massachusetts and New Hampshire line, W23156. He married Susan McDuffee at Chester New Hampshire where he died Nov 1810. His widow married 2nd Richard Greenough who died in 1835. Widow applied May 17, 1843 at Salisbury New Hampshire, aged 74.

Children of James and Susan were:

James born Aug 17, 1790
Batcy born Jan 4, 1793
Sarah born Sept 4, 1795
Mary Amm M. born Feb 23, 1798
Charlay born June 18, 1800
William born Oct 19, 1802

Job Shirley, Massachusetts line, S23418, applied Aug 18, 1832 in Cayuga County New York, aged 74 in Oct 1831 (born 1757). He enlisted at Wrentham Massachusetts. He died Aug 20, 1842, leaving a child, (not named), who received final payment Oct 24, 1853.

John Shirley, Cont. and Massachusetts line, also, Massachusetts Sea Service, S11373. He was born Jan 1, 1755 at Boston Massachusetts and he lived at Sudbury Massachusetts. He applied Aug 21, 1832 at Fitzwilliam in Cheshire County New Hampshire.

John Shirley, Frances, Virginia line, W8719. He applied Dec 3, 1832 Adair County Kentucky, aged 72. He enlisted in Culpeper Co. Virginia. He was born Apr 1, 1760 in Spotsylvania Co. Virginia. He lived in Virginia until 1807 then moved to Adair Co. Kentucky. He married Frances____ (Yates) Nov 25, 1782. He died Mar 12, 1840 and his widow applied Sept 22, 1843 in Adair Co. Kentucky, aged 84 years.

John and Frances had 6 children, towit:

John W. born Dec 28, 1787 married Patsy Young Jan 26, 1809
Benjamin W. born Oct 22,1797
Nancy W. _____ married Thomas Coleman Dec 27, 1804/06
George Y. _____married Pamela Coleman Dec 18, 1807
Polley E. _____married Edmund Rogers Jan 27, 1809
Betsey W. _____married Nimrod Bailey Nov 18, 1819
Nancy _____married Francis A. Henry Jan 11, 1829

Samuel Shirley, Cont. and New Hampshire line, S43135, applied Apr 29, 1818 Strafford County New Hampshire. In 1820 he was 72 years of age. He had with him a daughter, Margaret 27 years and a son Samuel, Jr., aged 23. He went from Chester New Hampshire to Chelsea near Boston Massachusetts to enlist and later enlisted in Winter Hill Massachusetts.

Thomas Shirley/Shirly, Pennsylvania line, S22507. He was born July 10, 1749 in Bucks County Pennsylvania. He was living there when he enlisted and soon after the Rev. War, he moved to Franklin County Pennsylvania where he applied June 12, 1833.

NEW YORK SHIRLEY INFORMATION

Sent by Gary F. Shirley

Madison County, New York

Louisa Shirley, wife of William, died Feb 8, 1854 aged 27 years. Buried Stockbridge East Hill.

Palmer Webster died Nov 5, 1869. He was married **Sarah Ann Shirley** in Rochester New York. Moved to and died in Illinois.

Cortland County, New York

From volume 14 of Cortland County records on file in the NY State Library at Albany.

Adin Webb taught school from 1805-1822 at the Homer Commons School. Ezekiel Shirley appears on the school roster.

Ontario County, New York

Cemetery inscriptions from Coddington Cemetery , located on the north side of Vincent Hill Road, about 7/10 of a mile east of Route 64, town of Bristol.

William Shirley died June 25, 1888. He was 100 years of age.

St. Lawrence County, New York

Surrogate's Court, St. Larwrence County Courthouse, Cantoon, NY

Thomas Shirley died intestate. Letters of administration granted to William Shirley of the town of Messena. Feb 24, 1810 page 38

SHIRLEY INSTITUTE - MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

From Frances Scruby

In 1971, my husband, Ralph, was attending a week-long conference and presenting a paper on textile chemistry at the University of Manchester. I went with him and had a whole week to shop and explore the city. We had both known about the Shirley Institute (for textile research) there for a long time because of our employment with an American textile firm. Manchester is a great English textile center.

I had long assumed that the Shirley Institute was named for someone bearing the last name of Shirley. When we arrived in Manchester I could hardly wait to find out something about the family for whom the Institute was named. I was told that the buildings of the Institute were bequeathed by a man who made the condition that the Institute be named for his daughter whose FIRST NAME was Shirley.

KILLER'S WILDLIFE GIFT

Clipping from The London Times 4/18/88
sent by Earl and Frances Shirley

A man who murdered his wife and two children before drowning himself, left $100,000 (pounds in British money), to butterflies and wildlife in his will published yesterday.

Mr. Ivor Shirley of Hampton, Magna, Warwickshire England, beat his wife, Diane, aged 43, his son Paul, aged 20, and his daughter, Katherine, aged 17, to death shortly after losing his job. He then weighted his body and jumped into the Avon River.

FROM YOUR EDITOR: I recall making a phone call to this family on my first trip to England in 1984 when I was at Stratford Upon Avon. We were not able to get together because of my tight shcedule and I was traveling with someone else.

AUSTRALIA - ENGLAND SHIRLEYS

Letter from David Bellamy

I received a letter from Mrs. Medland and it seems her husbands first Australian Shirley was a Joseph Shirley born 1826-28 in Great Barford, Oxfordshire, England. Later this Joseph married Emma Murray, formerly Stowe, at Great Barford on June 20, 1855. They both died in Australia but had come from England on the ship RAMSAY in 1873 with a family.

A son was born in Australia named Earnest John Shirley in 1875 and he was the grandfather of Mrs. Medlands husband.

Another correspondent, Dr. Peter Cooley, says his Shirleys were from Launton and Stratton Audley in Oxfordshire. Mary Ann Shirley was born August 27, 1830 and married a John Cooley of St. Mary Launton, Oxfordshire. Mary Ann Shirley's parents were Joseph Shirley Bapt. Dec 1, 1799.

CROPREDY, OXFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

Will of: Edward Shirley of Cropredy, proved Apr 23, 1792
Will of: Edward Shirley of Cropredy, died July 17, 1857

Edward Shirley is exonerated from tithes about 1800 in the Cropredy enclosure award. Edward Shirley in occupation of house and garden of 19 perches.

Birth: 1868 Eliz. Shirley, parents: Wm. French & Sarah Shirley
Birth: 1847 Hannah Shirley, parents: John & Ann (Cross) Shirley

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25 lb. lobster Shirley is spared

By Bill Cramer, AP

HILL: Owner returns Shirley the lobster to the sea today.

Shirley returns to the sea today. The 25-pound lobster was saved from becoming an Easter dinner in a deal involving animal rights advocates and Kevin Hill, owner of Hill's Main Line Seafood Co. in Ardmore, Pa. Shirley, a male estimated to be 40 to 125 years old, was flown from Philadelphia to Maine late Monday. Maine protects lobsters with body shells longer than 5 inches because older crustaceans have more offspring. Shirley and a 20-pound companion are due to be released off Cape Elizabeth.

Fla. man: I'm Little Kenny's father

Theodore Shirley of Zephyrhills, Fla., said he is the father of "Little Kenny," the 18-month-old found wandering on a Lakeland, Fla., street a month ago. Shirley told authorities he hadn't seen the boy for months. If Shirley is the father, said Lakeland Police Detective Miles Watson, his separation from the boy might be explained by domestic problems. "Apparently he heard about the case on the news," Watson said. If responsible relatives are not found, the boy could be put up for adoption.

AP

KENNY: Boy found on Fla. street.

From the clipping file:

Sent by Earl and Frances Shirley in 1988

I hope this little Shirley's world is better now. He's a little cutie. Does anyone know this Shirley family?

RESEARCH on PETER SHIRLEY/SCHOLLY/SHALLY

From Joseph Shirley

From the Mormon International Genealogical Index:

They have a transcript from the records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Quittapohila (known as the Hill Church) of Lebanon County (at the time Lancaster County), Pennsylvania. There are two children listed for Carl Schally: Joh. Peter, born September 19, 1741 and baptised January 3, 1742; also Joh. Valentin, born December 6, 1743 and baptised December 21, 1743. The name of the mother is not given. You're probably aware of these records, given the prevalence of Mormon Family History Centers.

From books at the Library of Congress:

There is a five volume series of books by Gary Hawbaker and Clyde Groff, "A New Index Lancaster County, Pennsylvania before the Federal Census" . Volume 3 contains an index to the 1750 tax lists and includes Charles Shally of Lebanon Township. (I assume this is Carl.) Volume 5 contains an index to the 1770 tax records and lists Charles Shally, a farmer and Peter Shally, who is renting, both in Lebanon Township. Volume 2 includes Lebanon Township in 1780, but neither man appears on it. There are various other Shallys, Shellys and Sholleys on these lists also.

From the book "Washington County, Maryland Church Records of the 18th Century 1768 - 1800" there are two listings mentioning Peter Scholly, both from the Reformed Church of Hagerstown. These are christening records of children: the first one is of a child, whose name is not given, born on October 22, 1781, parents are Peter and Elizabeth Scholly; the second is for Vallentein Scholley, born August 28, 1788, baptised September 9, 1788, parents are Peter and Elizabeth Scholley. No Shirleys are listed in this book.

From the Maryland State Archives:

Frederick County land records show Peter Scholly of Frederick County purchasing land along Antietam Creek from Jacob Kreps, on June 3, 1777.

Washington County (created from Frederick County in the mid 1770s) land records show Peter Scholly selling the same land to Adam Ott and Jonathan Hager on September 4, 1787. On this deed his occupation is listed as innkeeper and his wife's name as Elizabeth.

I didn't find any references to a Peter Shirley in any of the deed indexes.

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John Shirley

John Shirley began to play the piano at the age of seven. In 1963 he entered the Royal Manchester College of Music as a full-time student and studied with Professor Derrick Wyndham, gaining the G.R.S.M. and A.R.M.C.M. with distinction in performance. From 1967-69 he continued his studies with the famous London teacher, Maria Curcio. In 1970 he won a Scholarship to study for two years with the Polish teacher and pianist Ryzsard Bakst.

Since 1966 he has given many concerts in England both as recitalist and soloist with orchestra. In 1968 he won a State Scholarship to the Munich Academy of Music and played with success in Bavaria and the request of Adam Dolsyzcki, former conductor-in-chief of the Warsaw Opera Company.

He was finalist in 1971 and 1973 in the National Piano Concerto Competition in Dudley. John Shirley made his London debut at the Purcell Room in June 1971.

He commands an extensive repertoire which ranges from Bach to Bartok and has recorded for the B.B.C. on a number of occasions. He was invited by the Duke and Duchess of Westminster to give a piano recital at Eaton Hall, Chester in June 1975.

FROM YOUR EDITOR: John Shirley attended our International Shirley Convention in England in 1989 at Staunton Harold. He later sent me an older brochure with the above info in it. He told me he was still active in music and apologized for not having an up to date brochure at hand to send. John said his ancestors were from Stockport, Derbyshire, England.

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The SHIRLEY-EUSTIS HOUSE
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Tel: (617) 442-2275

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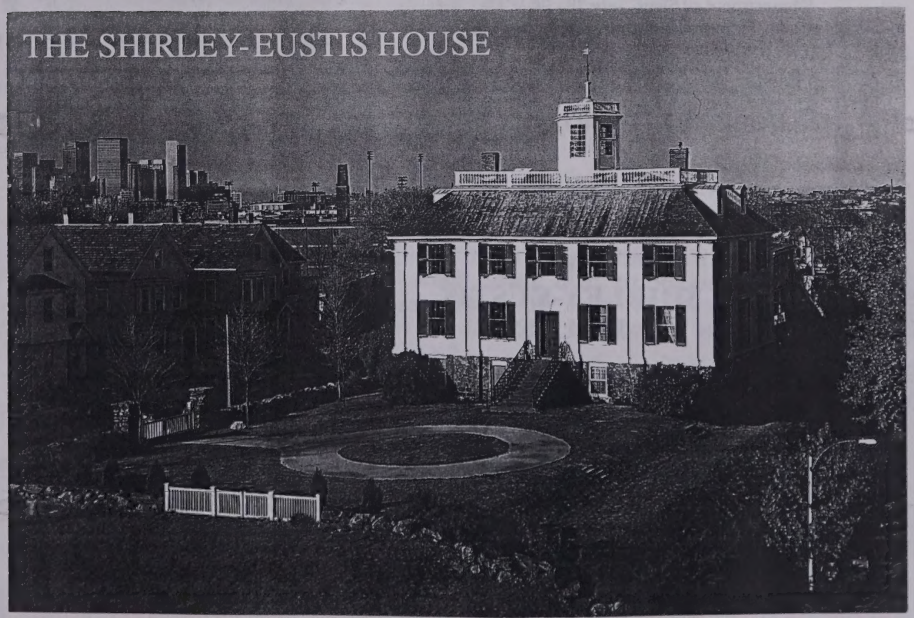
Association member, Frances Scruby, writes: "I wish the Shirley Association could pay this wonderful old place some attention. We toured the Shirley House in July 1994 and were impressed and delighted with it. However, the outside needs paint and the grounds need attention".

FROM YOUR EDITOR: I am pleased to say the Shirley Association has been a charter member for several years. Additional funds would be appreciated if you would like to help support this project. (We took a group of Shirleys to visit here in 1987).



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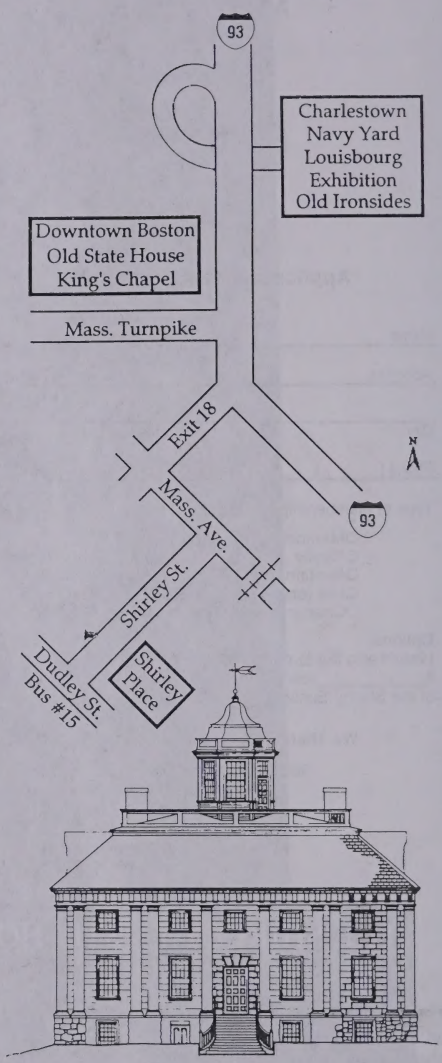

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John Bradford Hermanson, Director

This is something you might want to inform the Shirleys about in your newsletter.

John Hermanson

10256 Glencoe Dr.
Cupertino, CA 95014
Feb 21, 1995

Dear Shirley Association members,

I feel I must write a brief note to let you know that I am trying to get back into the groove.

Things have happened during the past 6 months that have distracted me from being able to keep up with the Shirley Association work load.

I am writing to say that I am better now and hope to have both the Fall and Winter issues of the NEWS done very soon and in the mail.

For those who ordered the Shirley NEWS book #10705, those will be done in about one week and ready to mail. We ran out of those and they are horrible to have reprinted as they have to be done by hand.

As soon as the Shirley NEWS is done, I will catch up on the mail.

The Shirley Plantation/National Shirley Convention has been changed to the previous week, Friday June 16 & Sat. June 17th as the week-end we selected will be the Hells Angels national gathering. Every hotel in Richmond will be full according to management at our hotel. Since Sun. June 18th is Father's Day, we will not have any planned activities for this day so that those who desire to return home for family celebrations may do so.

On Saturday, June 17th, the day will be spent at Shirley Plantation and the convention will conclude there at 3 PM. There are many other places to visit in Virginia, so you may wish to continue your travels into another area.

We did hear from several who said they could be interested in a day tour of Williamsburg and Jamestown on Thursday, June 15th. I have tentatively reserved a bus for this day. Information and costs of the trip as well as reservations for tour and/or convention will be mailed before March 31st.

I will continue reviewing the Shirley Ancestral Queries in the near future and respond with a personal letter to those I have not as yet done. I was overwhelmed with response to our packets we mailed last Spring. Our delay in getting the census computerized all over again slowed down our progress. We had so many problems with this. I am pleased to say that we finally succeeded in running the material in the custom format I wanted. The book is available at this time.

Some checks may not have been deposited as yet. I will take care of this matter by March 1st.

Sincerely,

Betty Shirley

9 June 1995

Dear Marian,

Haven't heard from you for almost four years. At that time you were (maybe) going to the Mt. Tabor Cemetery and take some snap shots. Did you get there? Please tell me how much money to send to you for the pictures - or to borrow the negatives. I especially need the pictures of the stones at Mt. Tabor for James Smith and his first wife, Jane T. Higdon Smith, and Martin Shirley and his first wife, Elizabeth Smith Shirley. And - do you have anything that is 'official' to show that Elizabeth Smith Shirley was the daughter of James Smith?

Our son has had health problems this year, and I haven't been to a library to do any research for a long time. Do hope you, and your family, are all diong well.

Was going through my 'Smith' book, and thought of you.

Sincerely,

Ruby Martin

Mrs. Francis D. Martin
P. O. Box 427
Lawson, Missouri
64062-0427

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Sincerely,

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